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Different
LOOK

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A Different Look



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1994 MERRILLVUE

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THE PIRATE MASCOT,
Eugene Vivo, '97, gets
the crowd pumped up
prior to a home basket-
ball game.



bonnia photo

PAT

Farabaugh,
'95, readies the
pig Tom
Herbert,
assistant
principal had
to kiss when he
won, or in his
opinion, lost
the kiss the pig
contest.

VARSITY

Cheerleader
Monica Origel,
'94, revs the
crowd up
during a home
football game.

The cheer-
leaders were
instrumental in
keeping the
fans into
football and
basketball
games.



You've probably heard the complaint that there's nothing to do in Merrillville. That point can certainly be debated, but not when it comes to MHS. From athletic contests to after school activities, our school is busy with action from sun up to sun down. Maybe since you're involved directly with MHS you don't really realize everything going on.

Now here's your chance. Take

A DIFFERENT LOOK, and take in the sights of MHS, from before school's period zero classes to every other Wednesday's Student Government meeting.



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MEMBERS OF
the marching
band perform
the Star
Spangled
Banner before
a home
football game.

BROADCAST
journalists Terry
Bryant and
Greg Bachich,
both '94, trek
through MHS
videotaping
the guests
during the
dedication.

Eating lunch with your friends during the renovated lunch schedule, cheering for the basketball team in the record cold winter, and dancing the night away at prom were just a few events you could have participated in throughout the year. You didn't stop there, though - and who would blame you? In a town with nearly everything, you did your best to make the most of every situation. Having fun was your number one priority, and you were **LOOKING GOOD.**





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Student Life Division • 5

SUMMERTIME

PASSES QUICKLY

* students participate in
numerous summertime activities.

Summer sunshine surrounded a sea of students as they shipped themselves off to summer camp. This wasn't the ordinary summer camp where the guys in bunk three decide to put frogs in your shoes, steal your clothes and your towel while you were in the shower, and short sheet your bed. These were camps like Pom-Pon camp, journalism camp, marching band camp, and band camp.

Michelle Mayers '94, along with the rest of the Pom-Pon squad, attended Pom-Pon camp this summer at Purdue. Mayers met "a lot of people from different schools in Indiana, and learned different pom-pom routines. We competed in various competitions to earn either a ribbon or a trophy. We also learned different stunts and commands."

Music was in the air for some of our MHS band members. Krista West, '94, and Tommy Gasperson, '95 attended Smith-

Walbridge Section Leader camp at Illinois University at Champagne/Urbana. They were there for four days. They worked on "marching, tuning instruments, directing songs, leadership, drill charting, performing songs, how to teach other people things, problem solving, and how to get fuller sounds out of our instruments," said West. Although there were no contests or awards, they learned both whistle and verbal commands, and showmanship. Jennifer won a Drum Major First Class award in Corps Style marching, which required the passing of four major phases of intense written exams in which you could not miss more than three to five questions.

On the academic side of camp, Cathy Navarro and Dina Weis, both '94, attended journalism workshops at Indiana University during the summer. Navarro and Weis were two of ten journalism students who traveled to I.U. or Ball State for such workshops. • by Tina Yurechko

DURING THE ANNUAL
Fourth of July parade down Broadway the cheerleaders perform one of their many routines. Besides marching in the parade, the cheerleaders also attended summer camps.



Mayers Photo





Summers Photo



Banda Photo

ONE WEEK PRIOR TO the beginning of the new school year several students were invited to attend a leadership workshop held in the guidance conference room. Tom Herbert, assistant principal, organizes the annual workshop.



Gayda Photo

BESIDES WORKING HARD for a week's time at journalism workshops those students attending took time and made many new friends. Sunnye Durham, '94, and her roommate, Tiffany Alger, from Van Wirt High School in Ohio, pose on the fire escape of a Ball State building.

JUSTIN RAMAGE, '94, struts his stuff to the "Humpty Dance" at the Ball State Journalism Workshops in July. Several journalism students attended workshops at Ball State and Indiana University this summer to learn more about student publications.

SENATOR LUGAR

DEDICATES SCHOOL

* *after years of renovations,
MHS celebrated the end.*

Years of construction and waiting came to an end September 26. The dedication of MHS was held to showcase the school and all of its attributes that have made many people feel MHS will be the school of the future.

Indiana Senator Richard Lugar attended the festivities and served as the featured guest speaker. During his speech, Lugar spoke of the future and how MHS is well on its way of providing the services needed to help students reach their maximum potential.

Other speakers included school board president Arthur T. Collins, MHS principal Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, English Department Head Linda Fry, Parent Advisory Council member Rochelle Hughes, and student government president Wilfred Vivo, '94.

It was when Collins spoke that it was

announced the new fieldhouse would bear the name of long time school board member Bryant J. Matthews, in a ceremony that would be held later in the year.

After the speakers took their turn speaking on behalf of their respective organizations those attending the dedication program were allowed to go on self-guided tours of the main building as well as the athletic complexes.

The majority of faculty members were on hand at the event, with most stationed in their classes to speak with the guests. Many teachers provided demonstrations in their classes as well.

While enjoying refreshments in the cafeteria, guests were able to view different videos dealing with the MHS. Construction, the school corporation, and MHS were the topics of the video presentations.

• by Tom Gayda

MIKE CURIEL, '95, AND Tom Herbert, assistant principal, stand outside the Dr. Eleanor Lewis Art Gallery to talk with guests at the dedication.

Gallery to talk with
guests at the dedica-
tion.



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SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT

David Vode talks with dedication guests. During the program Vode led the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SITTING UNDER THE
beautiful blue sky, MHS
was open to the public
September 16. This
date marked the end
of the years of renova-
tions.

DURING THE TOURS
visitors saw the student
commons area outside
of the media center.
This area is where many
students relax before
school and during
lunch.

VISITORS OF THE
dedication festivities
view the athletic hall of
fame, which is located
west of the gymnasium.

A DEDICATION GUEST
seems lost as he passes
by the showcases in the
main lobby, in front of
the main office.



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AS A GESTURE OF
friendship, principal Dr.
Daniel C. Rapacz
presents Senator
Richard Lugar with a
MHS sweatshirt and
shirt. Lugar was the
featured guest at the
dedication.



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SENATOR LUGAR
DEDICATES SCHOOL

* after years of renovations,
MHS celebrated the end.

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DeVillez Photo

140 ACRES OF
education and athletics
set on MHS grounds.
The main building itself
is 12 acres and houses
125 classrooms.



DR. DANIEL C. RAPACZ,
principal, walks down
the athletic hall of fame
with a visitor during the
dedication. Rapacz
was one of many
administrators on hand
to talk with guests at
the dedication.

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HOMECOMING EXPLODES

DESTINY AT DEMAREE

• week's festivities culminate with heart-wrenching one point loss.

Destiny. That one word holds so much meaning. September 20th through the 24th brought about this year's homecoming week. Destiny at Demaree, which was organized by the Student Government. Every day held something new and exciting for the students to get involved in. Monday was "pajama day," Tuesday "flashback to the past day," Wednesday was "college sweatshirt day" and Thursday "class color day." Friday was the usual, but fitting, "purple and white day."

The annual powder puff parade was a big success in promoting school spirit. This year all the clubs and classes were able to use their own imagination and create what they thought would be the Destiny at Demaree. The National Honor Society won the competition with their float.

Lead by the cheerleaders, sounds of music could be heard throughout all of Demaree Stadium during the pep rally which followed the parade. During the event, the co-captains of the football team, Tony Bartolomeo and Greg Smith, both '94, were given the microphone to speak their thoughts on the game and thanks the student body for their awesome spirit and support. The microphone was then turned over to head coach Rick Wimmer for the announcement of Mr. Football.

The football team voted Bartolomeo as this year's Mr. Football. After the announcement,

the annual powder puff games were underway. It was the time for students to put a temporary hold on school unity and concentrate on supporting their own classes.

On Friday, with all the cheers of victory, it was not to be destiny for the Pirates. They took on the Andrean '59ers in "The Battle of Broadway" on October 1st. Although the game was considered "boring" by many, Andrean ruffled the Pirates feathers and handed them a 3-0 loss.

The halftime festivities consisting of a spectacular performance from the MHS Band of Pirates and the pom-poms and the coronation ceremony of the homecoming court consisting of Wendy Adams, Tiffany Albee, Angie Byrom, Angela Mish, and Monica Origel, all '94. In a touching moment, last year's queen Hope Jusko, '93, crowned Byrom her successor.

The Homecoming dance "Tonight was Made for You and Me" was held on Saturday October 2nd. Black, silver, and magenta decorations highlighted the student commons area giving it a romantic essence.

"It's amazing, the kids really did a great job with homecoming! I felt good to sit back and relax knowing that everything was in good hands," says Rosellen Kozel, Student Government Adviser, about the clubs efforts during homecoming week. •by Kimberly Anderson

TONY BARTOLOMEO,
'94, proudly accepts
the Mr. Football award
from head coach Rick
Wimmer. The football
team voted on Mr.
Football.





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AS A PART OF THE
homecoming parade,
the junior powder puff
team mounted on top
of a fire engine to make
their way to Demaree
Stadium where they
faced the junior class.
The sophomore class
also faced the
freshmen class in a two
quarter game.



Karen PHOTO

SHARING A MOMENT
alone, Katie Shapcroft,
'97, and Tom Cseke, '96,
take a breather at the
Homecoming Dance.
Several couples
attended the dance,
which ended the
"Destiny at Demaree"
homecoming week.

BEAMING WITH
happiness, Angie
Byrom, '94 stands
proudly as 1992
Homecoming Queen
Hope Jusko crowns her
1993 queen as her
father watches. Byrom
was in stiff competition
among close friends.
Three of her fellow
queen candidates were
all in her advanced
composition class.



SEAN O'HARA, '94, grins as Cathy Navarro, '94, announces he won the sexy legs contest. Those fans attending the game decided the legs winner by clapping for their choice.



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DANCING TO celebrate a victory, several students attended the informal homecoming dance after the basketball game.

CONGRATULATED BY her friends, Tiffany Albee, '94, smiles with the announcement that she won the homecoming crown. Ben Parrish, '94, escorted Albee.





Farabaugh Photo



Farabaugh Photo

HOMECOMING

SPIRIT DISPLAYED

**festivities include sexy legs, parade, and more.*

What do Tiffany Albee, Sean O'Hara, both '94, the Class of '96, and the boys varsity basketball team have in common? They were all big winners at the basketball homecoming January 28. Albee was crowned homecoming queen, O'Hara received a trophy for having the sexiest legs among senior class males, the Class of '96 won the float parade with their creation, and the basketball team downed LaPorte in a Duneland Conference match-up.

"I can't believe to tell you how good I felt. It had to have been the best night of my life," said Albee.

Homecoming activities were lucky to have happened at all school was cancelled because of the extreme cold weather since

during the planning stages of the festivities. Student Government members hustled to get the events to go, and came through without a hitch.

"We had a poor turnout for the sexy legs contest, but thanks to Dave Vode, we ended up with a good group for missing two days the week before. We were happy with the results," said Benita Cookston, '94.

It wouldn't have been homecoming without a fun filled spirit week to start it off. This year the spirit days included "opposite sex" day, "cartoon character" day, and pajamas" day. Several students and faculty members participated in the daily events. • by Tom Gayda



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SHOWING OFF THEIR award winning float, the Class of '96 reacts to the announcement that their float won first place in the homecoming parade.

AT TIMES THEY EVEN

TALK ALIKE

• some twins look alike, but they sure don't think alike.

Unlike the twins of television's *Full House* fame, twins at MHS both have to show up to school daily. There are several sets of twins at MHS, some identical, some not. Both kinds agree, though, that being a twin has ups and downs.

Many twins agree that a good point to having an identical sibling is that they always have someone to talk to.

"(You) always have someone to talk to, someone to blame when you get in trouble, someone to cover up for you, and someone you can borrow clothes from," says Amy DeNardo, '96.

Even though not all twins look alike, some people still confuse them.

"Although me and my twin sister, Diana, don't look alike, teachers, friends, and others sometimes get us mixed up by

names. It doesn't really bother me, but you would think they could tell us apart," says Amanda Van Dusseldorp, '95.

For Amy DeNardo, who is identical to her sister Ann, identity mix ups aren't as easy to let go unnoticed.

Ann DeNardo says, "Mix ups happen all the time, so you have to live with it. However, you get tired of it after a while if someone keeps doing it."

Amy agrees, "I feel upset and hurt when people mess up our names because I am a different person. I am totally different from Ann. We may look alike, but we have different perspectives on life, and when a person calls me her, it makes me feel like they can not accept the thought I am another person."

Obviously, twins may look alike, but inside they are just as different as any two other people. • by Tom Gayda

JEN AND JEFF KROL, both '94, sit outside the media center. The Krol's, like most twins at MHS are not identical.





AMY AND ANN
DeNardo, both '95,
keep everyone guess-
ing who is whom in the
student commons area.

THE TWIN TOWERS!
Rachel and Rhonda
Price, both '96, pal
around at lunch time in
the cafeteria. The girls
are known as the twin
towers since both play
basketball.



SPIRIT PROUD PIRATES

*•purple and white were
worn on every Friday*

School spirit shined again this year as the Class of '96 repeated a victory in the annual spirit point contest conducted by principal Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz. The contest was held throughout the year, giving the students ample chances to earn points in a variety of ways.

The biggest spirit point event was held every Friday. Students wearing purple and white clothing on this day received a point as a way of showing school spirit.

Extra-curricular activities also provided the chance to get points. Sporting events and plays were two of the ways students picked up points throughout the school year. In addition, unannounced absentee days and tardy days were added to the class totals. Getting your parents to attend

parent-teacher conferences was another way of getting points for your class.

With all these chances to get points, along with others, the Class of '96 pulled out a second victory and went to the Indiana Dunes to bathe in the sun on May 23 as a reward for winning. While the sophomores enjoyed a beautiful sunny day, the rest of the classes sat in school with their noses in their books daydreaming about the sophomores at the beach.

The Student Government did many things to help promote school spirit. They sponsored the football and basketball homecoming weeks as well as several other activities. Many of the Student Government activities were also used as spirit point activities.

• by Tom Gayda & Sara Nicholls

VIC LOPEZ AND TONY
Barolomeo, both '94,
join the crowd in
cheering on the varsity
basketball team. The
crowd got into the
game as the team
gathered steam
showing that school
spirit was alive at MHS.





ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
Janis Qualizza proudly accepts the Sectional Trophy for the school from members of the boys basketball team. The young team surprised opponents as they grew stronger as the season progressed.

STUDENTS INDICATE
they want a victory at an early home football game. Although the team had lost many seniors to graduation, fans looked forward to another season of Pirate football.



DANCES

PROVIDE ENJOYMENT

• semi-formals give students the chance to socialize.

Mary had a big big dance, big
big dance, big big dance;
Mary had a big big dance,
she could not wait to go.

Dances are a fun part of the big MHS activity list. Every school year is traditionally marked by four formal dances; Homecoming, Turnabout, Valentine's, and Prom. Usually, students also have several informal dances to look forward to, but this year, only one dance was held after a home basketball game, and the yearly MROP dance was held in the Hall of Flags. MROP is an informal dance that is sponsored by SADD. MROP is prom spelled backwards, and encourages students to be responsible on prom night by not drinking and driving. Lynn Praschak, SADD sponsor explained, "This proves that you can have fun without drugs or alcohol. Also, you don't need a date, you don't have to spend lots of money or go to Chicago to have fun." A mere eight

students attended. Perhaps this was the reason MHS did not house many dances this year; because most students don't care.

Homecoming, sponsored by Student Government, was held in the Hall of Flags on October 2nd, and marked the end of homecoming week. The theme was "This night was made for you and me," and put a lively cap on the spirited week of events. Turnabout, the dance where the girls get to ask the boys out, was held in the Hall of Flags on November 20th and sponsored by FEA. The Valentines Dance, sponsored by the Sunshine Society on the evening of February 18th, was also held in the Hall of Flags, and was a welcome break to some monotony because it featured ice sculptures and video screens. Finally, the end-all be-all of dances, prom was held on May 21st at Saint Elijah Serbian Hall.

•by Rachel Torres

TIME OUT! IT'S TIME TO stop dancing for awhile and chat with friends.

The Homecoming dance, sponsored by Student Government, was held in a concourse decorated with black, magenta, and silver balloons.





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HARRIETTE KELLY, '96, clowns around as she poses for pictures. Getting pictures taken to capture the memories add to share with friends was part of the fun of attending the formal and semi-formal dances.

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STUDENTS GATHER TO show their support for the Rosado family. NHS sponsored a Benefit Dance to help the family cope with Matt's medical bills after he collapsed on the track after running the mile in gym.

RELATIONSHIPS

DATING

• playing dating games
spices up relationships

COUPLES

Baby, you are the only one that I love." "I would never cheat on you." "I just want to be with one person . . . you baby."

These statements are often heard in the dating scene. Some people are on the receiving end of these comments while others are making them. Whatever the case may be, it is most likely that a love game is taking place.

The question is, why do people actually have the need to play these games? Is it an ego trip or do some people just want to date around with more than one person but they are afraid to tell them? Kosta Nuses, '95, said, "I do it because it is interesting to see if the girl loves you or not."

On the other hand, Jenny Gonzalez, '95, commented, "I think people play games because it makes the relationship more exciting."

Gabriela Garcia, '95, agreed, "I think it is fun. The guy does too. If it's a serious relationship, I won't do it."

If one of the people in the couple plays on the other, then both of them tend to think that it is ok. Although they are both going to get hurt, the game will keep going, according to a majority of MHS students asked.

Various students, articles, and even movies spotlight the fact that teenagers seem to get bored with a relationship quickly. Maybe people

are just not ready to start a serious relationship.

Often when someone tries to pull a game on another person, the famous saying prevails. "What goes around, comes around."

At the same time, many students are serious with their boyfriend or girlfriend. Charles Krueger, '94, said, "I don't play games. Maybe once in a while to build suspense, but I'm not good at it. I love my lady."

Jennifer Wood, '95, also seems to be in a serious relationship. She commented, "I have my boyfriend so I don't need to do stuff like that. I think that it is alright for people to do that, but only to an extent."

What is a good way to stop playing games? Based on teenagers' responses, the first step is honesty. The couple should talk things out. Then they need to make sure they are good for each other. Make sure that the feelings are mutual in the relationship.

People have different feelings about playing games in relationships. However in the game of life, almost all of these so-called players will realize that there is more to life and love than playing. As the wheels of love continue to turn, the only way someone can begin to understand and distinguish the difference is to experience it themselves.

•by Tina Todoroska

FRIENDS THAT AGREE,
and SheRai Latimer,
both '95, ponder what
they will do for the
weekend. The relation-
ship between good
friends is special
allowing a person to
share the triumphs and
the defeats in life.



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ONE OF THE BIG
advantages of having
a steady boyfriend or
girlfriend is knowing that
you will always have a
date for the "big
dance."

BRIAN MOLA, '94,
enjoys a quiet dance
with his mother at the
annual Mommy-Daddy
Date Night. The
relationship between
parents and their
children allows for
unconditional love.

RYAN PARLOCK AND
Nicole Hiatt, both '95,
sign in at the prom.
Some students attend
prom with a steady
boyfriend or girlfriend
while others begin a
new relationship with a
date to prom.



THE CAST OF THE REVUE
rallies around the
television during the
performance. Perform-
ances this year
revolved around a
television theme.



JENNIFER DAINTON AND
Michelle Verbik, both
'95, sing "You've Got a
Friend," at the annual
Revue. Both are active
participants in MHS
productions.

BELTING OUT 'RUN TO
You,' Robin Phillips, '94,
performs a solo at the
Revue. Phillips' brother
Brian, '97, also per-
formed.



REVUE SHOWING TALENT

• numbers featured
old radio shows

What do you get when you mix two family duets, a hint of comedy, an essence of street funk, and a splash of John Travolta? The result is "Don't Touch That Dial" the theme for this year's Revue. The theme was not without controversy, although, Tina Yurechko, '94, commented, "I thought the theme ruined the show this year. It involved more drama than actual talent."

Regardless of people's opinions, the show had to go on after weeks of auditions and rehearsals. The Revue made its debut on April 11th and 12th. The cast worked harder than ever to try and live up to previous years. The absence of local bands was a great loss, since the bands usually are the center of attention.

"I felt that the Revue would have been better if some bands played. They always got the crowd going, like you were at a live concert," said Shelly Penzato, '95. Instead the cast substituted drama and comedy scenes for drumbeats and electric guitars.

Lena Gilfillan, '95 said "Last year's was better, but it was enough to make me laugh." Most of the cast's feeling toward the audience, was that they did not even try to appreciate or understand the talent and hard work that went into this year's Revue.

"The first act was very good, stated Cheryl Gonzalez, '95, but it was a shame that people had to be rude and leave during the second act."

Some highlights from the Revue consisted of an annual appearance by the all girl dance team, United Colors, a duet sung by Abigail and Eugene Vivo, Harry Sims' hilarious rendition of Saturday Night Fever, and Jennifer Dainton singing "Let's Give 'Em Something to Talk About," and she definitely did. "Harry Sims was great!" added Ben Parrish, '94.

"Sims was definitely one of the most appreciated cast members during the whole Revue. To add to his new-found fame, Sims commented, "It's got that groovy beat baby. Disco will live forever."

This year's cast had to overcome controversy, criticism, and cynicism and try to put on a great show. The Revue displayed a wide variety of talent among the MHS student body, whether it was a rap group, dance group, or an acting group. This may have been the last year for the traditional Revue, but current students, future students, and alumni will be left with "Don't Touch That Dial" as a final impression. Whether the impressions are positive or negative, the show had to go on, which did create some finer moments, with Harry Sims at the top of that list. Yurechko closed, "The Revue is the student body's way of saying, "Hey, look what I can do!" This is our way of showing it off. It is a way of expressing ourselves. The rest is up to the audience."

• Kimberly Anderson



Farabaugh photo



Farabaugh photo

AS IF THERE WEREN'T enough talk shows already, Will Vivo, '94, Julie Zolandz, '95, and Mike Pratscher, '94, perform their own version of a talk show at the Revue. This talk show was one of the most entertaining moments of the program.

PROM QUEEN LEAH Frink and Prom King T.J. Lux, both '95, join their dates in leading the Grand March outside across the parking lot. The Grand March is a tradition which allows the community a chance to see students in all of their finery.



DANCING TO "FOREVER Young" by Rod Stewart as well as music by 10,000 Maniacs and other pop artists, students take to the dance floor.



PROM QUEEN LEAH Frink, '95, and her date head for the dance floor. Frink and Prom King T.J. Lux, '95, reigned over the traditional event.





PROM

ENCHANTED GARDEN

*• a new look added
romance to the evening*

You walked into the prom, and were overcome with many different emotions and impressions. You caught your breath as you took in the beauty and the romance of the scene before you.

Huge creme pillars intertwined with green ivy, roses, tulips, and lilies filled the room with a powerful gothic presence. The flowers added a romantic and innocent essence to the prom. Sheer creme brocade was draped all around, giving off style and elegance.

Couples took a break from dancing and conversing to make a special wish at a beautiful water fountain flowing with sparkling blue water. Beautiful crystal glasses adorned every table with floral accents overflowing their brims. The Enchanted Garden of

Eden-Forever Young, the prom's theme, suited the environment perfectly. Students were amazed at the romantic feel of this year's prom as compared to the bleakness of years past. Instead of the same boring colors, this year's prom was natural with its hunter green, elegant with its creme, and romantic and passionate with its purple accents.

Although the crowning of prom queen Leah Frink, '95, and king T.J. Lux, '95, and the Grand March were more traditional, romance reigned that night. The flowers, and romantic decor really appealed to the senses to make a wonderful, magical, romantic, and elegant prom. Most of all, this prom had Finesse!

•by Michelle Borman



AWAITING A MAGICAL evening, prom goers sign in as they enter St. Elijah's Serbian-American Hall. In spite of the growing cost of attending prom, students continue to attend the annual event.

TRENDS

FASHIONS DISPLAYED

• students sported the latest clothes at MHS

Is it the House of Style (sans Cindy Crawford, of course)? No, think again. Fashion at MHS is guaranteed to have much more detrimental impact than Kate Moss or Naomi Campbell could ever imagine. Although students do not prance up and down runways, the halls of MHS serve their purpose of displaying various forms of fashion from Cross Colours to Doc Martens.

Out with the old and in with the new: 1992 meant the exit of some labels and brands, while others experienced a complete rebirth. "Skidz" mania took a detour for the worst. The high waisted, no pocket, too many pleated Z Cavarricci's bit the dust awhile back. Instead, they were magically transformed into the over-night French sensation from Marithe' and Francois Girbaud.

Meanwhile, on the safer side, Mickey

Mouse, Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny, and the rest of the Walt Disney World/Looney Tunes gang have dared to step out of the animation world and into living color. Of course, Beavis and Butt-Head have also made similar ventures in fashion expansion, replacing the "over-achiever" Bart Simpson.

On the other hand, Kari Kani, which can be yours for a nominal price of \$60.00 to \$75.00 a sweatshirt. But there are always bootleggers to consider- a cheap insult to style.

But clothes do not make the man. It can not be forgotten that the individuals who have been wearing a distinct style that experienced the poser's syndrome. The market finally picked up their style, and so did many at MHS.

• by Sunnye Durham and Staci Skura

A BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF choir practice displays the variety of fashions worn by MHS students.

Still that comfortable old standby T-shirts and jeans or jeans shorts seems to be favored by many for their comfort and versatility.





DRESSES FOR PROM

had long narrow lines. Many were made of rich shimmering fabrics without the sequins which have been so popular in past years.

COLOR ME BLACK.

Black was the in color for semi-formal dresses at football Homecoming this year. Dresses were also simpler in style.



TRENDS IN SCHOOL
clothes were as varied as the students wearing the clothes. Nevertheless, most students favored a loose casual style for comfort most school days.



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JULIE OBETKOVSKI receives her diploma from Dr. Tony Lux. She was one of two people in her class to earn a gold medallion indicating an Honors Diploma, a gold stole showing membership in NHS, and purple and silver honor cord indicating membership in Quill and Scroll, an international honorary society for journalists.



ROBERT H. HENRY, THE featured speaker, gave an energetic speech peppered with references to his own children as he tried to give the class an idea of what to expect after graduation.



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THE WAITING IS THE worst part. Seniors, faculty, and administrators wait on the bridge to the Radisson Hotel to hear the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."





GRADUATION FINAL CEREMONY

• seniors think back
to special times

"These are the days." Yes, those words from the 10,000 Maniacs hold much truth to many high school students. So what happens when high school is over? Students have just spent 13 years of their lives getting up at the same time, studying the same courses, and learning from the same teachers. And after this year's final day June 6th, what is left but a bunch of memories that can never be changed or touched? So what is next?

Seniors are now leaving the security blanket of a modern high school society and are plummeting into the whirlwind society of adults. The possibilities are endless. Most will further pursue their educations at colleges of their choice, or in some cases, where financial situations obligate them to go. Others will take a break from school to travel and enjoy some time off.

Everyone's reactions will differ, but for MHS students, the one thing they will have in common is the basis of their education, Merrillville High School and the memories and lessons they will take with them after they are gone.

Some memories may be too terrible to want to recall, and others may be some of the happiest, most precious moments and happenings of their lives. But the common thread of all, is the effects that their education has upon their lives and on each other. Some will

become doctors, lawyers, mothers, secretaries, yes, even teachers but although occupations differ and lives will be totally rearranged, the one thing that will never change is the memories and all that has been taught and actually learned.

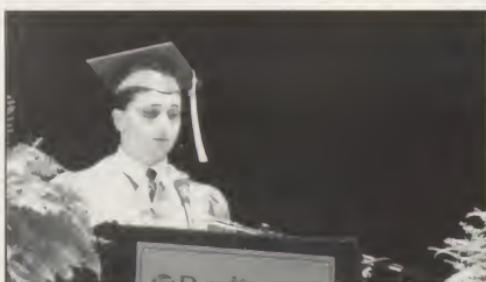
As graduation announcements are being collected and commencement plans are being concocted, seniors will be caught up in the excitement and anticipation of ending one life and beginning a new one. But what will never end are the memories and feelings. "These are the days, you'll remember." That most definitely sums up the truth.

Commencement can be defined as a kind of "Rite of Passage." Gone will be the security and ease of teachers, classrooms, and friends. In will be the many different possibilities that this year's seniors will choose. Whatever road that may be chosen will in some way reflect Merrillville High.

When this year's seniors climb upon the stage and accept the facsimile of a diploma, what will they be thinking? Christina Moffit comments, "Realization that this part of my life is over and that there is so much more to come. My life is just beginning."

Some will be scared, others will be daring, but all will be remembering.

•by Kimberly Anderson



VALEDICTORIAN RISTE Goreski presents his speech at the June 6 Commencement Ceremony. Valedictorian Jennifer Shaffer, salutatorian Wanda Olvera, and senior class president David Vode also spoke to the class.

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STACI SKURA
and Sunnye
Durham, both
'94, look over
notes for a test
later that day.

BRIEN DELICH,
'94, cuts a
piece of wood
in his shop
class. Many
shop classes
are offered at
MHS.

If you were hoping to slack off during your high school years, you weren't going to do it at MHS. With the completion of the multi-million dollar renovation, our school became the school of the 21st century. Computer labs for each department, television sets in each classroom to enhance learning, and educators with great experience helped us all. It's for sure, with our technology here, we were all

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

Athletes & Broadcasters

Good Morning. It's 5:30, and you're up this early to be in class by 6:00. What is this? Welcome to Period 0. This class is truly for the serious student. Every weekday morning starting at 6:00A.M., the Wellness Center is open for these students to lift, run, and condition in the period 0 advanced fitness class. Meanwhile, three days a week in the broadcast studio, the broadcast journalism class is at work editing the pieces for the next show, and learning about the workings of a studio.

These classes are truly for morning people.

What are the benefits of the advanced fitness class? "Although it's tiring and long, you can get better exercised, and feel good to start the day," stated Jason Galoozis, '94.

Justin Ramage, '94 added, "It gives me a chance to keep physically fit, especially after football season."

Of course, this class must have an esteemed leader. This would be Coach Rick Wimmer. Galoozis describes him as, "a devoted, hard worker, and a

great banjo player."

Are you ready to sign up yet? Ramage commented, "If you can get up at 5:30 in the morning, I'd say go for it."

The broadcast journalism classes were also up at the crack of dawn to prepare for their future.

"Most of the students who are here are serious about possibly making this a career, because it takes a lot of dedication to come to school at 6:40 three times a week," stated Andrea Wirtz, '94.

Greg Bachich, '94, commented, "I'm grateful for the extra time we are allowed, because it is one block of time we can use without interruption."

This class was taught in tag-team action by Jean Stanford and Steve DeVillez.

"Mr. DeVillez takes care of the production aspects, and I have the writing portion," commented Stanford. Both of these "Period 0" classes have many advantages, and offered students another opportunity to excel at MHS.

• by Rachel Torres

PREPARING FOR THE
show, Andrea Wirtz, '94,
Judy Adams, '95, and
David Evans, '94,
watch the show
opening on the monitor.
PNN started to
broadcast on Wednes-
day mornings during
homeroom, but then it
was moved to Friday.



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Q: How would you react if period zero classes were made mandatory?



"I think it should be up to the student to decide."

• April Pratscher, '96



"Why don't they just make school an hour longer?"

• Jason Janiszewski, '94



"Our school is already one that starts earliest and ends latest."

• Danielle Ramirez, '95



"The time we go to school is early enough."

• David Aimone, '97



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STEVE DEVILLEZ SHOWS
Greg Bachich, '94, how to tape Senator Lugar's press conference. The TV equipment had just been installed.

IN 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.....
PNN's crew usually had to be at the school by 6:30 a.m. on the day the live show was to air to practice.

Q: Do you think MHS is used to the best of its ability?



"Yes. The weight room is always full and the fieldhouse is always used."

• Joe Hussey, '95

"Yes, when it's not broken down."

• Chrissy Pozgay, '94



"I think so."

• Jeff Zarnik, '96

"Yes, because we have lots of neat stuff and everyone can use it."

• Wava Riddle, '97



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IN ONE OF THE MANY ENGLISH computer labs, Ryan Rogers and Kathy Cannon, both '95, discuss their paper for Barb Koby's American literature class.

SEAN BRIGGS, '96, TAKES ADVANTAGE of the synthesizer lab during class. Choir director Roger Emig taught a new synthesizer class this year.



Televisions & Computers



New computers, phones in every room, and TV screens everywhere you look. What is this all about? A fashion show for technology companies? Nope. This is a sign of the times.

MHS has been called a "mini college for high school students." True, it has more than what most state colleges have, but many of the students at MHS have no idea what they have here at their fingertips. There is technology in abundance, and most students are only worried about when the vending machines are going to be refilled.

Our weight room and fieldhouse is a prime example. Andy Crane, '96, states, "It is very futuristic and ahead of our time. We have more training and exercise equipment than most small colleges. Most kids say, 'Oh yeah, we have TV's and we have no use for them except to watch PNN on Wednesdays.' They have no idea what they have and it is all going to go to waste."

Crane feels that the students

do not fully understand what type of facilities they are surrounded by, and they make no effort to find out what they have. He, on the other hand, does know what MHS has on hand as far as recreation and training equipment.

Crane says, "I am getting use from the things here, and it is a shame that no one makes an attempt to explore what our parents paid money for. They (administration and taxpayers) spent all of this money, and we just ignore everything that has been given to us. They hand us all of these expensive pieces of equipment, and we are letting them sit there and collect dust."

Cathy Aimone, '94, says, "I get a lot of use out of the fieldhouse. I am in Step Aerobics, I use the computers to type all of my papers, and I also think that the students need to get acquainted with all of the things here and use them."

* by Tina Yurechko



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GOING OVER HIS WORK
graphic arts teacher
Dave Teeter sits at one of
the many light tables in
his room. The graphic
arts classes produce sev-
eral of the Merrillville
Community School Cor-
poration pamphlets and
other materials.

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Lunch & Studying

As students came back to school this year they found out that along with their new classes, they had a fifteen minute study period. This time was used to compensate for the new overlapping lunch hours. A student would either go to class, go to lunch and then go to study period, or go to study period, then class, and finally lunch.

There were many different possible choices. It depended on who the fourth period teacher was. During this time students could either study for a test or do their homework.

"I really do my homework. I would rather be serious here at

school than at home. This way I can have more free time in the evening," commented Keith Lester '95.

Although many students concentrated on their assignments, some enjoyed being able to sit back and talk with their friends for a while.

"I try to do my homework, but I usually end up talking to the person that's sitting next to me," said Brande Swisher '94.

No matter what a student did during this time, practically the entire student body agreed that the fifteen minutes was really needed.

• by Patrick Farabaugh



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LATRICE WASHINGTON, '94, takes a break from studying to look at dance pictures of Jennie Wood, '95, and '93 MHS graduate Kevin Lohse.





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Q: Is study period worth the time?



"Mr. Abernathy doesn't let us have one."

• Jeff Buchko, '97



"Yes, because you can get homework done before you get home."

• Mark Jones, '95



"Yes, because it gives you a chance to get homework done because you might have sports that night."

• Debbie Kings, '96



"Yes, because you can study for other questions."

• Beth Minninger,
'94



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USING HIS TIME WISELY, a student works on a project in the media center. Many teachers make assignments which require research.

WAITING WHILE THE rest of the class goes over a test, an absentee gets a jump on the reading assignment he missed the day before.

Q: If you only had to write one more report in your lifetime, what would it be on?



"Morals."

• Staci Skura, '94

"What I've learned at MHS."

• Matt Habrych, '96



"How everyone should get along."

• Jenny Springman, '97



"Problems with the general outlook of Americans as a society."

• Terry Bryant, '94



STUDENTS TYPE AWAY IN one of the five English writing labs. All but two of the 22 computer labs are networked so that students can pass through to other areas to finish assignments.

KELLY BECKETT, '94, WAITS for the copy of her advanced composition paper to print out. Linda Fry, Michelle King and Bruce Woods each taught advanced composition.



Research & Writing

What brings stress, stress, and more stress to many MHS students? Reports, of course! There are many extended research papers that are assigned to students throughout the semester. Two of the "favorites" are the stock reports and the advanced composition term papers.

Each of these carry through a nine week period. Many students tend to ignore the project until the last minute. Michelle King, English teacher, does not recommend this. "KEEP UP!" she emphasized. "If you do all of the steps as they are assigned, things are much easier."

The English Department is very strict on plagiarism. There is, however, a sensible reason for this. "Plagiarism is theft", says King. "It is the theft of someone else's words and ideas.

If a student turns in stolen property, they deserve a zero."

Jim Edgcomb, history teacher, assigns a stock market project. This is structured a little differently than the English paper. The stock project is assigned at once. However, there are different steps to follow accordingly. This has advantages and disadvantages. "When it is assigned at one time," says Edgcomb, "students are able to work at their own pace. Some students' pace, however, is to start the project the day before it is due."

Many students are scared away from these classes. The ones that tough it out though, are always glad. Just remember King's words of wisdom: "A light high school schedule calls for a rough freshman year!" and vice - versa. • by Sara Nicholls

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JASON GALOOZIS, '94, takes advantage of the library for his history of war class taught by Rob Moore. Students in this class put together multimedia presentations for a grade.

Fitness & Activities

No matter how much you may not like it, a year of physical education is required. It is designed to introduce students to old and new activities in which they can participate without being in a class situation.

"Physical Education helps students to develop and appreciate fitness skills to help them keep in shape and stay fit," says Rick Wimmer, P.E. teacher.

Physical education teaches the students the importance of physical awareness.

"Gym class helps develop cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, and muscular endurance. Plus the development of locomotive motor skills, it also gives every student the opportunity to be introduced to a lifetime of sports as well as cardiovascular sports," comments Lori Dust, P.E. teacher.

P.E. class helps students prepare for any other activities that they would like to participate in. "Students gain and improve cardiovascular muscular fitness and have fun. It also helps the students loosen up after taking a test so they could relax," says Mona Miller, P.E. teacher.

"I enjoy the activities, because Coach Dust teaches the best," says Anthony Baskin, '96.

Gym class has a specific curriculum that tests the students' physical abilities. "It's fun, because you can work out and have fun at the same time," says Baskin.

Throughout the year the students are tested on everything from running the mile to flexibility. Physical education teaches the students the importance of physical awareness. • by Michelle Borman and Eileen Hill



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF the tennis courts, P.E. students practice their serving. Ten tennis courts are available for use by MHS students.

DURING THE SOFTBALL portion of gym Miroslav Radiceski, '96, tosses the ball to the batter. P.E. students got the chance to use the new softball fields.





Q: What activities do you think gym classes should offer but don't?



"Hockey."

• Mike Adams, '95



"Wallyball."

• Michelle Braden,
'94



"Gymnastics."

• Cindy Brown, '94



"Polo."

• Neal Fedak, '97



PHYSICAL EDUCATION
teacher Lori Dust helps a
student with his sit-ups.
Besides teaching P.E.,
Dust is also the girls varsity
basketball coach.

Q:

If you had to pick between a mandatory shop or home ec. class, which would you choose?



"Shop, because it's more interesting. Home ec. is all goody goody stuff."

• Brandi Vucko, '95

"Shop class, because it is like a trade, and anyone can cook bad food."

• Jim Lewis, '94



"Home ec. I don't like getting dirty. I might break a nail, too."

• Becky Banzen, '96

"Home ec., because there's more of a future in it."

• Jeff Van Volkenburgh, '97



KATHY RAIS, '95, ENJOYS one of the cookies she baked in her gourmet cooking class. The class learns to bake several kinds of foods in the class.

AUTO SHOP STUDENTS

John Haro and Jason Swigon, both '94, work hard in class. Auto shop is one of many industrial arts taught at MHS.



Baking & Building



Is there anyone out there who doesn't know what their doing with their life after graduation? If this is the case, home economics classes and building trades may be the thing for these students. These classes give students the opportunity to gain skills for a career before they even receive a diploma. MHS offers a variety of home economics classes to the student body. These classes range from foods 1 to holiday foods, interpersonal relations to singles living, child development to parenting with many others as well.

Kelly Walters, '95, a former gourmet foods student said, "I've taken home economics classes in the past and gourmet foods sounded different compared to the other foods classes." Walters went on to say, "I would recommend this class because it was a lot of fun. It was interesting to see how everyone (in my class) cooked and made things."

The home economics department also offers Home Economics Related Occupation, better known as HERO. This class is open specifically to juniors and seniors and requires students to leave school after their third or fourth period class.

Lisa Stanchina, '94, was involved in this program and thought highly of

it. Stanchina feels this class has helped prepare her for the future "because this class helps you in your career choices and lets you have a good perspective on what you want to do in the future." She says, "I took this class to a job and experience in job training. I also get to go home from school early when I don't have to work."

Another class that provides job training is building trades. This class is also a half day course but the students go to school in the morning or afternoon and they go to classes. One unique characteristic about this course is that the students actually go out and build a house.

Are other skills used then?

Keith Lester, '95, says, "Mainly just math. I use math everyday. It really helps to know how to do most of it in your head." Lester continues, "This course is excellent for those who want to learn about the different trades. Experience and education is everything in the job field. This course gives you both."

High school is the place to get an edge on your future and if you don't want to go to college, home economics and building trades may be the key that unlocks the door to your future.

• by Susan Frenchik



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GRAPHIC ARTIST GREAT
Evan Crawford, '94, looks over a layout in advanced graphic arts. Graphic art classes are taught by Dave Teeter, and produce several MCSC publications.

Hootin' & Hollerin'

Students learn in many ways. Practicing with flashcards, reading the lessons over and over, and even studying in groups are some of the ways students learn material. But it isn't just the students who come up with different ways of learning. Teachers do too. Some of them are not exactly what some teachers would do.

Kristen Corsaro, social studies teacher, says that many of her teaching strategies are progressive and unconventional.

Corsaro says, "I have been known to stand on desks to make a point, and I allow my students to sit where they want as long as they remain active participants."

Some students may take this type of teaching for granted, but Corsaro sees things just a little differently.

"I think students learn best when they are constantly challenged. My way of challenging students is varied, from academics to peer acceptance. Students seem interested when they are actively engaged in the classroom. When

they are positively stimulated, they can't help but succeed," said Corsaro.

Mike Zolfo, speech and English teacher, also does some different things when it comes to learning. Jody Balcerak, '94, says, "Mr. Zolfo does meditation exercises to help us mentally prepare for our speech. These are relaxation exercises that help us overcome the nervousness that we experience during our speeches. One time we actually laid down on the floor and did a meditation exercise using our entire body. I enjoy doing them, and so does everybody else in my class."

Another teacher who does some outrageous things is Chris Joll, science teacher. For example, when Joll is explaining about snakes and their habits, he uses his snakes as a visual aid, and may even throw them around the room. He also is an excellent artist, and he uses sketches on the board to make his point. Eileen Hill, '95, said that "he does all kinds of really weird things."

• by Tina Yurechko

FINDING OUT HOW IT
would feel to be pregnant, Samantha Sherwood, '95, and Bridgette Praschak, '96, try out the empathy bellies in Laura Stoner's Child Development class. Students seemed to enjoy seeing what they would look like if they were pregnant.



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Q: Do you learn more from a teacher who uses unconventional methods?



"Yes, I pay more attention and find class more interesting."

• Eddie Sobh, '94



"Because it's more memorable when there's something funny to go along with."

• Cheryl Gonzalez, '95



"It helps me learn better."

• Chrissy Oh, '97



"Yes, Miss Given, for example, is very relaxed and informal."

• Corey West, '96



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JEANETTE JONES, '95, decorates an Easter cake to fill an order. The cake decorating class filled orders to practice their skills.

PAULYN MICHAEL, '95, and Nikki Holm, '96, check out the eclipse with the rest of their science class using their special safety glasses.

Q: Do you think teachers are fair when they call on students?



"No, although most teachers don't, some are biased towards who they like better."

• Dave Kamano, '96

"Most of my teachers are because they try to give an equal opportunity to answer the questions."

• Chenetta Blacknell, '95



"Yes, they don't pick on people. They do it to make sure everyone understands the material."

• Chris Baker, '94

"Most teachers call on students very fairly, just randomly, and it keeps students awake and alert."

• Julia Zolondz, '95



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KEITH LESTER, '95, HANDS in his homework in Barb Kobay's English class. Calling on students is one way to see if they have done their homework.

WITH A SMILE ON HER face, Valerie Gutjhar, '95, raises her hand in Mary Ann Galanis's history class. Galanis uses the "raise your hand" method of calling on students.



Nine & Ten of clubs



John Smith is half-asleep in class and suddenly the math teacher says, "John Smith, please read number 21 and give us your answer." Smith awakens, fumbles in his book, and by the time he finds the problem, the teacher has already found someone else to do the problem. Can anyone here identify with John Smith? And how do teachers catch people like Smith off guard?

Robert Moore, social studies teacher, says that he calls on kids at random. "Sometimes I see some of these kids with their eyes drooping or wandering in other directions, and I have to keep them alert and on task. I also do it because I want to give everyone else a chance to show me they know what's going on. Another thing I am trying to get away from is just reading out of the textbook and adding a little more thinking questions. I want them to think more and apply what they learned."

Don Sly, science teacher, assigns each student two cards from a deck of playing cards, and pick randomly from the deck. This way the student is conscience when they

start to work on the material.

Andy Crane, '96, says, "Some teachers call on you with 3x5 note cards and choose those at random, some call on you when you are half-asleep. The random drawing of cards works because it keeps students on their toes so they have to know the material." Cathy Aimone, '94 says "In most of my classes, the students raise their hand when it comes to going over material. Any other time it is the lecturing part of the class."

Maryann Bertram, spanish teacher, says, "I call on students in one of two ways. One of them is just going up and down the rows, but I found that it really wasn't as effective as I thought it would be. I also call on them just by random picking. That way I know that people all get a chance to answer and also to keep them awake."

"Mr. Yelton has nicknames for everybody in his classes and calls on them that way. I had him my freshman year, and now I have him again as a senior, and he still calls on me by my nickname," says Jody Balcerak, '94.

• by Tina Yurechko



DON SLY, SCIENCE teacher, helps one of his students during a titration lab. In class, Sly uses a deck of cards to call on students.

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A Closer Look

PNN Hits the Air



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PNN, MHS' first in-school television program, hit the air this past year on a weekly basis.

The staff worked hard realizing it was important to make PNN interesting and fun for the students and staff to watch each week.

"I feel that on Wednesday when the show broadcasts during homeroom, it's like you see a part of my true signature on it. I try not to let just anything go on because its a reflection of the club and me," comments Terry Bryant, '94, PNN producer.

Being on the PNN staff is a good way for students to learn more about broadcasting, giving them experience in the field.

"It was a good idea. It gives students a new way of learning about the happenings at the school. It also gives students experience working with different equipment," says Andrea Wirtz, '94.

PNN covered a variety of school activities that interest the students and faculty.

"I think that it's good, because it gets you involved more in school activities," says Cheryl Santos, '94.

Sixth hour class on December 15 was optional for students. If students paid \$2.50 they were allowed to leave the final period of the day and hear guest speaker Dan Ruttienger talk about a variety of topics in his life. Ruttienger is the subject of

the movie *Rudy*, which is about his struggle to play football for Notre Dame. The auditorium was full for Rudy. He did not limit his talks to sports, though. He mentioned that everyone should keep a positive outlook on life and to never give up when others are counting you down.

RUDY speaker comes to MHS



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Area schools flock to Yearbook Workshop



Jean Stanford's yearbook staff hosted a workshop in mid-September in the media center. Many neighboring schools, along with schools from different areas, attended the workshop. Students were able to get page and cover ideas from a large selection of both high school and college yearbooks. Yearbook advisers and their editors got the chance to meet with their company representative and an artist who thoroughly sketched cover ideas, making many book decisions easier. Throughout the day, guest speakers gathered students in the arena to discuss the different sections of a yearbook and gave advice on piecing together the perfect school annual.

Valerie Tanke, Walsworth Publishing Company's area representative, said, "From the reactions and comments I received, the workshop seemed successful. Students from other schools enjoyed seeing Merrillville's facilities. I think it went very well."

FIELDHOUSE DEDICATED

ON DECEMBER 15, 1993 THE MASSIVE MHS FIELDHOUSE WAS DEDICATED IN HONOR
BRYANT MATTHEWS. MATTHEWS, A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, HAS BEEN ACTIVE
WITH MCSC FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS HE WAS BESTOWED
THE HONOR. MATTHEWS WAS PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE AT THE CEREMONIES WHICH
WILL HANG IN THE FIELDHOUSE. THE PLAQUE ACKNOWLEDGES HIS SERVICE AS AN
ATHLETE, COACH, AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IN THE MCSC.

AT THE CEREMONIES MATTHEWS WAS
PRESENTED THE PLAQUE BY SCHOOL
BOARD MEMBER L.J. CRIST AND
CONGRATULATED BY ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR JANIS QUALIZZA. (photos

courtesy of Kirk John Mitchell)



NOT Just Another *Eclipse*

Of The Sun

IT WASN'T A SPECIAL MID-MAY FOOTBALL GAME DURING THE LUNCH PERIODS OR A PEP RALLY, BUT ON MAY 10 NEARLY THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY AT MHS VENTURED OUTSIDE TO WITNESS THE FIRST ANNUAL ECLIPSE VISIBLE IN INDIANA SINCE THE 1960'S. THE ACTUAL ECLIPSE LASTED LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES, BUT EVERY-

SAFELY VIEW THE ECLIPSE, PROTECTIVE GLASSES WERE SOLD FOR FIFTY-CENTS. ALSO, TELESCOPES WERE SET UP IN THE STADIUM AREA TO HELP PEOPLE SEE THE ECLIPSE AND A LARGE VIDEO SCREEN OFFERED AN EXPANDED VIEW OF THE EVENT WHICH WON'T OCCUR AGAIN IN OUR LIFETIME.

ONE THAT WITNESSED THE EVENT LEFT WITH A FEELING OF BEING PART OF HISTORY. SO STUDENTS COULD

THE TRIP WAS "SPONSORED" BY THE SCIENCE CLASSES, BUT SEVERAL OTHER CLASSES ALSO ATTENDED.



Choir in the Magic Kingdom



Roger Emig, choir director, claimed they would have no fun on an episode of PNN, but when MHS choir students went to perform at Disney World in Orlando, Florida, during Spring Break, the kids somehow did.

During the trip choir students visited the entire Magic Kingdom, as well as several other locations, including Cocoa Beach, Kennedy Space Center, and Ron Jon's Surf Shop.

The main reason for the trek was to perform. Choir members delighted Epcott Center visitors with their vocal stylings at the American Grandstand, singing such songs as their medley, "Rock the Jukebox."



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I N R E V I E W



Firefighters help a woman to safety during the Thousand Oaks fire. Twenty-five fires, fanned by the Santa Ana winds, swept over 200,000 acres in Southern California and destroyed more than 800 homes.

Disasters

Firefighters watch helplessly as flames burn out of control in the Thousand Oaks area of Southern California. The fires, some of which were set by arsonists, lasted 16 days and did \$1 billion in damages. Eighty-four lives were lost due to the fires; 67 of those were firefighters trying to control the blaze.



Todd Bigelow/LIINE



Bob Noble/GLOBE

After the L.A. earthquake, more than 14,000 people were forced to live in temporary shelters or camp out in parks. More than 20,000 people were left homeless, and many would later have to spend hours in line trying to get relief funds and supplies.



Les Stone/SYGMA

The sentiments expressed by this homeowner were unfortunately more the exception than the rule during the Midwest floods. More than 30,000 people were forced to evacuate their homes, and more than 40 died.

Sometimes mere seconds decided who lived and who died when an earthquake that measured 6.6 on the Richter scale hit Southern California in January. The quake killed 55 and caused damages that were estimated at \$30 billion. Some highway repairs could take a year to complete.

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Actor **Bill Bixby**, who starred in *My Favorite Martian* and *The Incredible Hulk*, died of prostate cancer at 59.

After a court battle that went as far as the U.S. Supreme Court, two-year-old **Baby Jessica** was returned to her biological parents. Her natural

mother gave the child up for adoption, and later sued for custody when she married Jessica's father. The suit touched off debates about parental and adoption rights.

Snowstorms, ice and sub-zero temperatures crippled the East Coast for much of the winter. In Washington, D.C., the federal government was shut down for one and a half days, and New York City received a record 53.4 inches of snow.



Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, and Tennessee were the states hardest hit by a storm system that ripped across the Southeast in late March. More than **40 people were killed** as tornados, hail and heavy rains struck the region.



Andrea Renault/GLOBE



Steve Liss/TIME



Les Stone/SYGMA

A military aircraft accident in which **two planes collided** at Fort Bragg, N.C., in late March killed 23 paratroopers. The two planes struck each other on their approach to Pope Air Force base.

Barbra Streisand, who had not given a paid concert in 22 years, **sold out Las Vegas** shows on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Ticket prices ranged from \$50 - \$1000.

Beverly Hills 90210 star Shannen Doherty married Ashley Hamilton in September. Doherty, whose character on 90210 was jailed for breaking into an animal research lab, **left the show amid rumors** that she had been fired.

The flood in the Midwest drew people together to help save their homes and property from the rising waters. Five states were declared federal disaster areas, and damages were estimated at \$10 billion.

Charlotte, N.C., and Jacksonville, Fla., were awarded new National Football League franchises. The Carolina Panthers and the Jacksonville Jaguars brought the total number of **NFL teams to 30**.

CIA counterintelligence chief Aldrich Ames was arrested in March on espionage charges. Ames **sold U.S. secrets to the Russians** for nine years and could be responsible for betraying at least 10 operatives executed by the KGB.

Conway Twitty, whose 55 No. 1 hits were the most by a **country singer**, died in June of an abdominal aneurysm at the age of 59.

Damian Williams and Henry Watson were acquitted on charges of attempted murder for the beating of trucker **Reginald Denny** during the L.A. riots in 1992. Williams was sentenced to 10 years in jail for the assault, and Watson received four years probation.

Seven astronauts went into space to repair the Hubble Space Telescope in December. A flaw in the main mirror of the telescope was keeping it from transmitting clear pictures. The repair, which was seen as a make-or-break mission for NASA, was a success.

Disney was forced to cut scenes from its movie, *The Program*, when teenagers in Pennsylvania **laid on the center line of a road** in imitation of the film. One died after being struck by a pickup truck.

Dodger fans mourned the loss of two past greats this year. Pitcher **Don Drysdale**, whose streak of 58 consecutive scoreless innings stood for two decades, died at 56 of a heart attack. **Roy Campanella**, the first African-American catcher in the major leagues, also died of a heart attack at age 71.

Don Shula, head coach of the Miami Dolphins, **broke the record for most wins** by an NFL coach, ending 1993 with 327. Shula's season ended on a low note; the Dolphins lost five straight games and failed to make the playoffs.

Erik and Lyle Menendez were put on trial in Los Angeles for **killing their parents** in 1989. The brothers alleged that the killings were in self-defense following years of sexual and psychological abuse by their



NASA/SIPA



Cynthia Johnson/TIME

PLO leader Yasir Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met in Washington, D.C., in September to sign an interim peace agreement. The agreement, which was to begin setting terms for Palestine self-rule in Jericho and the Gaza Strip, was lauded as the prelude to peace in the Middle East, but both sides had to deal with dissent in their parties.

In a four-day visit to Denver that culminated in World Youth Day, Pope John Paul II met with President Bill Clinton and addressed 190,000 youths from around the world. The Pope's Sunday Mass drew nearly 400,000.

parents, and separate juries declared mistrials in both the brothers' cases.

Ernesto Zedillo was selected as the presidential candidate for Mexico's governing party after the original candidate, **Luis Donaldo Colosio**, was gunned down in Tijuana, Mexico.

Fears about safety, particularly from Germans, led to increases in security at Florida airports and rental car agencies after two foreign tourists were murdered within one week in September.



John Kuntz/SIPA



UPI/SIPA

Fred Gwynne, the actor who was best known for his portrayal of the lovable **Herman** in the popular television program, *The Munsters*, died in 1993 of cancer. He was 66.

The passenger train, Sunset Limited, plunged off a bridge into an alligator-infested bayou in Alabama. The crashed killed 47 people, the worst in Amtrak's history. A barge had struck the trestle, weakening its supports.



Greg English/SYGMA

Headlines

Originally a humanitarian mission, the United States' involvement in Somalia increasingly became more combative. In capturing three Somali aides, 17 U.S. soldiers were killed, 77 were injured and one, helicopter pilot Michael Durant, was captured and later released. President Bill Clinton kept his promise that all American troops were to be removed by March 31.



PHOTOREPORTERS

South African President F. W. deKlerk and Nelson Mandela met in October to accept a Nobel Peace Prize given for their work to end apartheid. The South African Parliament voted to allow blacks to participate in government for the first time. In November, an interim constitution was signed granting equal rights to blacks and whites for the first time in 300 years.

Grammy awards for Album of the Year, Record of the Year and Female Pop Vocalist went to **Whitney Houston** for her work on the soundtrack of the film, *The Bodyguard*. Song of the Year honors went to *A Whole New World* from the film, *Aladdin*.

Host country Norway won the most Olympic medals with 10 gold, 11 silver and five bronze, and the U.S. captured six gold, five silver and two bronze medals at the 1994 **Winter Olympics** in Lillehammer.

Houston Oilers tackle David Williams was **docked a week's pay** when he failed to make a game in Boston against the New England Patriots. He stayed behind in Houston to be with his wife, who had just given birth to the couple's son.

Olympics

Short-track speed skater Cathy Turner won a gold medal in the 500 meter race. Her victory was marred by a protest lodged by Zhang Yanmei, the Chinese silver medalist, who refused to take the podium with Turner after she alleged that Turner knocked her off balance during the race. Judges later disqualified Turner from the 1000 meter race for cutting off another skater.



William R. Sellez/DUOMO



PHOTOREPORTERS

Tommy Moe took home a gold medal in the men's downhill, and a silver medal in the men's super-G. The Alaskan resident became the first American male to win a medal in Alpine events since 1984.



Al Tielemans/DUOMO

American speed skater Bonnie Blair won her fourth and fifth gold medals at the Winter Olympics. Those medals, for the 500 meter and 1000 meter races, gave her the most total medals won by a U.S. woman Olympian.

After seven failures, speed skater Dan Jansen finally won an Olympic gold medal. Jansen, who holds several world records, set a new mark for the 1000 meter race in his last try for the Olympic gold.

In hopes of reducing the number of **guns on the street**, cities across the country followed New York's lead and participated in swapping programs: people could bring in their guns, no questions asked, and in return receive items such as toys, gift certificates and concert tickets.

Jay, Dave, Conan, Arsenio, and Chevy squared off in the **late-night talk show wars**. The Fox network was the first to throw in the towel, cancelling *The Chevy Chase Show* after only six weeks of poor ratings.

Tonya Harding was nearly barred from the Olympics for her alleged role in the Nancy Kerrigan attack, but her lawsuit forced the USOC to let her compete. Harding finished eighth. She later pled guilty to impeding the investigation into the attack.



Journalist and author Randy Shilts, whose book, *And the Band Played On*, chronicled the **early years of the AIDS epidemic**, died of AIDS-related complications in February. He was 42.



PHOTOREPORTERS



Doug Beghtel/SYGMA

Nancy Kerrigan won a silver medal in figure skating, finishing mere percentage points behind Oksana Baiul of the Ukraine. In January, Kerrigan was clubbed in the knee in what was later found to be a plot by Tonya Harding's ex-husband and a former bodyguard.

MTV moved its popular but controversial show, *Beavis and Butt-head*, to a later time slot after an Ohio mother alleged that references on the show caused her five-year-old son to light a fire that killed his younger sister.

Nolan Ryan, considered by some to be the **hardest-throwing pitcher** in baseball, retired at the age of 46.

November saw the passage of **two highly-debated bills** by Congress: NAFTA, a trade treaty between Mexico, Canada and the U.S., and the Brady Bill, which puts a five-day waiting period on the purchase of handguns.

North Carolina barely edged Louisiana Tech to win the women's **NCAA basketball** championship, 60-59. A three-point shot by Charlotte Smith with less than a second remaining on the clock gave the Tar Heels the victory.



FOS

Kurt Cobain, **lead singer of Nirvana**, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Cobain, reportedly missing for six days, was discovered in his Seattle home April 8.

Long Island residents were horrified when Colin Ferguson opened fire on a New York com-

muter train. **Six passengers were killed** and 19 were injured. Police believe the attack was racially motivated because letters expressing dislike for whites, Asians and some African-Americans were found in the gunman's possession.

Manassas, Va., was the scene of one of the most **closely-watched trials** this year. Lorena Bobbitt, charged with malicious wounding for severing her husband's penis, was found not guilty by reason of insanity. Her husband had earlier been found not guilty of marital sexual assault.

Charles Kuralt hosted his last broadcast of *CBS Sunday Morning* in April. Kuralt had been a mainstay at CBS for 37 years with his Sunday appearances and his series, *On the Road*, which took viewers through small town America.

On Aug. 13, authorities positively identified the remains of a **body found** in a South Carolina creek as those of the father of former NBA star Michael Jordan, James Jordan. The elder Jordan had been murdered by two men who stole his car at a rest stop.

Oregon U.S. Senator Bob Packwood, accused of **sexual harassment** by more than two dozen women, lost a battle with the Senate ethics committee in November when his colleagues voted that his personal diaries could be subpoenaed for the case against him. Packwood later lost an appeal of the subpoena.

Parachutist James Miller crashed the November heavyweight championship boxing match between **Evander Holyfield** and **Riddick Bowe**, and caused a 21-minute delay in the match when he became tangled in the ring ropes. After being pummeled by spectators, Miller was finally freed by security guards and taken out of the building on a stretcher. Holyfield won the match and regained his title.



GLOBE

Schindler's List, Steven Spielberg's gripping, three-hour drama about the Holocaust, won seven Oscars. Included among those were the Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Jurassic Park, Steven Spielberg's movie about dinosaurs cloned from prehistoric DNA, beat out his own *E.T.* as the highest-grossing movie of all time. With over \$700 million in worldwide ticket sales, *Jurassic Park* also captured Oscars for visual effects, sound, and sound effects editing.

Political riots in Moscow culminated in a takeover of Russia's parliamentary building in October. Troops loyal to President **Boris Yeltsin** ejected **hardline rebels** from the building.

Queen Elizabeth granted an honorary knighthood to U.S. Army **General Colin Powell**. Dec. 15, Powell resigned as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in August.



Mitch Jacobson/SIPA



SYGMA

Race car driver Davey Allison was killed when the helicopter he was flying **crashed** in Alabama. He was 32.

Rising tensions over **nuclear accountability** led to problems in North Korea early in 1994. The country would not

Actor and rapper Tupac Shakur was convicted of aggravated assault and battery and sentenced to 15 days in jail. His arrest and the actions of similar recording artists raised questions about the message of "gangsta rap."



Randall Caugie/GLOBE

Spotlight

It was a tough year for Michael Jackson. Amid charges of sexual molestation surrounding a 14-year-old boy, Jackson cancelled the last part of his world tour and sought treatment for addiction to painkillers. The civil charges filed against Jackson by the boy's family were dropped following an out-of-court settlement, but the singer still faced criminal charges.



Michael Ginsburg/ABC

NYPD Blue stretched the limits of what was normally permitted on network television in terms of profanity and nudity. ABC ignored protests and the reluctance of advertisers and began broadcasting what was widely considered to be the best new show on television.

allow U.N. inspectors to view all their nuclear production facilities, causing a breakdown in relations between the U.S. and North Korea.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg became the second woman to serve as a **U.S. Supreme Court Justice** when she was confirmed Aug. 3. Ginsburg, who was seen as an acceptable nominee to both liberals and conservatives, won Senate approval by a margin of 96-3.

Serbs, Croats and Muslims continued to oppose each other in Bosnia. The U.N., backed by U.S. air power, **demanded a cease-fire** in the capital of Sarajevo which marked the beginning of several uneasy peaces in the war-torn country.

Sports

Former Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson came back to coach his old team at the end of the 1994 season. Johnson, who won his first two games as head coach, said that he only agreed to coach the rest of the season as a favor to team owner Jerry Buss. Rumors had Johnson returning as coach only if he was allowed to purchase part of the team.



Rick Rickman/DUOMO



Rick Rickman/DUOMO

Wayne Gretzky became the NHL's all-time leading scorer when he broke Gordie Howe's career mark of 801 goals. Gretzky, who holds 62 NHL records, accomplished in 15 seasons what it took Howe 26 seasons to do.



Ben VonHook/DUOMO

Former NBA great Michael Jordan's bid for baseball stardom with the Chicago White Sox fell short. He was sent to the AA-class farm team in Birmingham, Ala.

The defending champion Dallas Cowboys defeated the Buffalo Bills in the Super Bowl, 30-13, handing Buffalo its fourth straight Super Bowl loss. In March, Dallas head coach Jimmy Johnson and owner Jerry Jones had a parting of the ways, and Johnson left the Cowboys.

For the second straight year, the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series, beating the Philadelphia Phillies four games to two. The Blue Jays came from behind to win Game Six on Joe Carter's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning.



Shannon Faulkner became the first female student allowed to attend **classes at the Citadel**. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that she could attend without cadet ranking while she awaited the resolution of her sexual discrimination suit against the all-male military college.

Sterling Martin won his first **NASCAR race** in February when he triumphed at the Daytona 500.

Tens of thousands perished when a devastating earthquake struck India. Most of the dead were impoverished families whose poorly constructed **houses collapsed** on them. Over 100,000 were left homeless.



J. Wochter/FOS



D. Pensinger/ALLSPORT

The Arkansas Razorbacks won their first national championship when they defeated the Duke Blue Devils in the men's NCAA basketball tournament. Arkansas, cheered on by First Fan Bill Clinton, won 76-72.

constitutional protection for abortion, announced his retirement in early April. Blackmun, 85, served on the court for 24 years.

Vietnam war protester Katherine Ann Power **turned herself in** after spending 23 years on the run. Power, in an effort to finance anti-war activities, was involved in a bank robbery that resulted in the death of a police officer.

Vince Foster, a deputy White House counsel and boyhood friend of President Bill Clinton, **committed suicide** in July. Foster later became the focus of investigations about his role in the Whitewater scandal.

While working on a film in Mexico, actor **John Candy died** in his sleep of a heart attack. He was 46.



William R. Sollez/DUOMO

Tom Hanks **won the Oscar for Best Actor** with his portrayal of an AIDS-stricken attorney in *Philadelphia*. Best Actress honors went to Holly Hunter for *The Piano*. Tommy Lee Jones won Best Supporting Actor for *The Fugitive*, and 11-year-old

Anna Paquin won Best Supporting Actress for *The Piano*.

Universal health care was the goal of President Bill Clinton's proposed **Health Security Act**, but opposition from lobbyists and members

of Congress had some wondering if it was possible to offer insurance to all Americans.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote the **Roe vs. Wade** decision establishing

Whitewater became the latest in a **string of controversies** that plagued President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary. A special grand jury was formed to decide whether there was any link between the Arkansas real estate venture and a failed savings and loan institution.

Farewell

Vincent Price was considered the master of horror films, making movies that were terrifying without being tasteless. Price died in October at the age of 82.



Wheller/SIPA

Television's top lawyer, Perry Mason, never lost a case, but Raymond Burr, the actor who portrayed him, lost his battle with kidney cancer this year.



Boutefeu/SIPA

River Phoenix died on Halloween night after collapsing outside the L.A. nightclub, The Viper Room. The actor, who was 23, overdosed on cocaine and morphine. Phoenix was a promising young actor who first won acclaim when he was 15 for the movie, *Stand By Me*. He later received an Oscar nomination for his performance in *Running on Empty*.

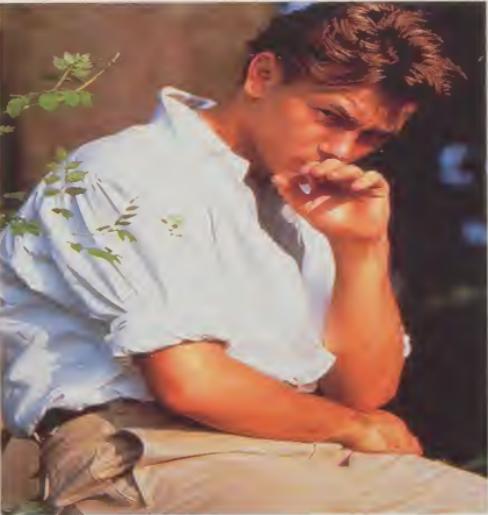
Musician Frank Zappa, who was known for blending rock, jazz, blues and classical music died Dec. 4 of prostate cancer. Zappa, who was 52, released over 60 albums in a career that spanned three decades.



Pachab/SIPA

"X-rated" is how some describe his radio talk show, but **shock jock Howard Stern** made it onto the best-seller list with his tell-all book, *Private Parts*. The autobiography sold over a million copies.

Year-end college football polls put **Florida State at No. 1**, but the quirky season had some calling for a playoff system to decide the champion rather than traditional bowl games.



J. Huba/SYGMA

Zealot Baruch Goldstein opened fire inside a Muslim mosque in Hebron, in the occupied West Bank of Israel. Dozens of people were killed, and **Goldstein himself was beaten to death**.



SENIORS

Close Year With Traditional Breakfast

Members of the Class of 1994 shared one of their final moments together May 20 during the annual senior breakfast. The highlight of the breakfast was the senior drive around which followed the meal. Also, during the breakfast winners of the senior awards were announced by senior counselor Drew Furuness. The awards included most likely to succeed, most popular and others.

After the breakfast seniors were free to leave, many getting ready for prom the next day. Others went to the beach, out for lunch, or shopping. Senior breakfast was the final chance for the class to come together prior to graduation. It was an enjoyable morning inspite of a certain amount of unhappiness because the underclassmen got out at 11 a.m. because of a Teacher's In-Service day.

Bridging the GAPP

For three weeks in March and April 16 students and one teacher from Germany came to the United States as part of the GAPP (German-American Partnership Program). The German visitors stayed with host families and attended MHS.

It wasn't all school for the Germans, however. Their visit to the U.S. included trips to Chicago and Indianapolis, as well as several other local attractions.

This June the students who hosted the German students will travel to Bonn, Germany and attend their German school.

MIRROR WINS

Unhappy with a B+ rating from the Indiana High School Press Association, members of the MHS newspaper, the *Mirror*, learned from their errors and worked hard to perfect their paper. Determination and extra time in front of the Macintoshes led to the paper winning the *Times* High School Paper of the Year Award, sponsored by the *Times* newspaper.

The staff was honored by having their photo in the *Times* announcement of the award winners. They also won \$100 and a plaque which will be awarded at the *Times*' High School Journalism Workshop in November.

The issue which won the honor was the May 10 edition which featured articles on the spring play, local annexation debates, and the softball team.

Rounding out the top papers were the Munster *Crier* in second place followed by Crown Point's *Inklings* in third. Valparaiso received honorable mention.



NOT QUITE THE EMMYS

Recognizing excellence in their inaugural year the WMHS Club held the first annual PNN Awards May 13 to showcase the best work of the members during the past year for the weekly PNN program.

The awards were held in the arena and hosted by sponsor Steve DeVillez.



Trophies were awarded to the following students: Jason Galoozis and Tom Gayda for best humourus feature, Judy Adams for best anchor, David Evans, Cathy Navarro, and Dina Weis for best serious news feature, Brian Snelson for best commercial, Meg Liebenthal, Rachel Torres, and Andrea Wirtz for best news feature. Terry Bryant was named PNN staff member of the year, and Marc Holm was given the sponsor's award.

the MHS experience

Throughout the school year, students from neighboring schools got the chance to spend a day at MHS through the new Interaction Committee set up by Student Government here. About once a month students from schools such as Valparaiso High School, Calumet High School, and Hanover Central High School ventured to MHS.

Visitors were hosted by an MHS student. They went around with that student to their classes and lunch. Visiting students also got a tour of the school grounds and a chance to meet with faculty and students.

The Interaction Committee also allowed MHS students to visit the other schools such as Calumet High School. Although the visit to Calumet High School was cut short because of a severe snow storm which caused students at Calumet to be sent home early that day, visiting students found some things are much the same no matter what high school students attend. At the same time, the visiting students found out just how fortunate MHS students truly are.





BAND PARADES AT DERBY

Not to be out done by the choir performing at Disney World, members of the band, pom poms, and color guard ventured to the sight of the Kentucky Derby to march in the annual Pegasus Parade the day before the running of the derby.

The Pegasus Parade included just 22 bands from the United States. The parade was broadcast live in the Kentucky area and on a delay basis elsewhere on The Nashville Network.

105 MHS band, pom, and guard members made the trip missing a week of school in the process. The groups not only performed at the Pegasus Parade, but several other Kentucky Derby festivities.

One Last Farewell

AS THE SCHOOL YEAR DREW TO A CLOSE SO DID SEVERAL FACULTY MEMBERS CAREERS AT MHS. SHERMAN LEWIS, HEAD GUIDANCE CONSELOR, CLIFF FACKLER, MATH TEACHER, AND KRISTEN CORSARO, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, ALL SAW THEIR FINAL DAYS AT MHS.

LEWIS AND FACKLER, WITH AROUND 50 YEARS SERVICE TO MHS BETWEEN THEM, RETIRED AFTER LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREERS. LEWIS ESTABLISHED THE WELL-KNOWN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS PROGRAM HERE. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO TRAVELING AND SPENDING TIME WITH HIS WIFE, FORMER MHS ART TEACHER, DR. ELEANOR LEWIS.

CORSARO, WHO MARRIED IN JULY, RESIGNED SO SHE COULD MOVE OUT OF STATE TO LIVE WITH HER HUSBAND. CORSARO HAD TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE AT MHS, INCLUDING SERVING AS COLOR GUARD COACH.

AS THESE FACULTY MEMBERS MOVE ON THEY WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED FOR THEIR GUIDANCE AND HELP AT MHS.



Kristen Corsaro



Clifford Fackler



Sherman Lewis

MCATF Holds Multi-Cultural Fair

The Multi-Cultural Awareness Task Force, the group responsible for a number of activities aimed at broadening the students' and community's knowledge of various cultures, sponsored a Multi-Cultural Fair throughout MHS on April 22.

The fair consisted of performances by Merrillville Community Schools students, a student cultural art exhibit, as well as an arts and crafts show with displays by Merrillville community members

and others that had a heritage in one particular culture or ethnic group.

The performances, which were held in Reinhart Auditorium, varied from traditional African songs sung by students from Miller Elementary School, to Croation and other European folk dances by a group from Harrison Middle School.

The art exhibit was a collection of works from elementary to high school students. It included both

paintings and sculpture representative of heritage of almost every culture thinkable. For example, there was a recreation of a Native American Indian head-dress and pottery.

The Multi Cultural Awareness Task Force has been a well appreciated addition to the Merrillville school system, and will go on doing an excellent job of culturally educating the students and community.



Bonita Photo

DAVE VODE,
'94, works hard
on the senior
class float prior
to the football
homecoming
parade.

JODY
Balcerak '94,
rehearses prior
to the choir's
Christmas
program. The
program was
titled "One
Magic Christ-
mas."

Not having anything to do after school doesn't work at MHS. Nearly everyday multiple clubs held meetings discussing anything from the environment to winning chess techniques. While most clubs kept a core base, several organizations exploded with large memberships. Many clubs that were only semi-active in past years along with all the others were involved like never before, and said, "**LOOK AT US NOW.**"





Evans Photo



Look at Us Now • 59

ROGER EMIG, CHOIR
director, sings his heart
out to the song "Always"
at a hotel in Orlando,
Florida. The choir spent
spring break in Florida
and performed at Walt
Disney World.

WITH THEIR FINGERS
waving number one
after winning the bid to
host the 1995 IASC state
convention here at
MHS, Student Govern-
ment members pre-
pare to head for home.



Farabaugh photo



Farabaugh photo



COE/BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA - Row 1: Stacy Peek,
Allison Klaubo, Amber Clark. Row 2: April Mullins, Nikki Moravic, Stacy Little,
Doreen Bank.



FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA - Row 1: John Foster, Cathy Aimone,
Missy Dobis, Wendy Adams, Cindy Brown, Fernanda Romero. Row 2: Maryann
Foster, Christina Moffitt, Marie-Claire Foster, Agnes Manchon, Sarah Parrish,
Nancy Packovskl. Row 3: Benita Cookston, Tom Gayda, Brien Dellich, Joe Foster,
Ombeline Munier, Beth Minninger.

Learning Abroad



Farabaugh photo

HUCK FINN, TOM
Sawyer, Tom, Valerie, Jean, and Pat.
While on their trip to the
yearbook plant, editor
Tom Gayda, '94,
Walworth representative
Valerie Tanke,
publications adviser
Jean Stanford, and staff
member Patrick
Farabaugh, '95, stop to
rest and pose in
Hannibal, Missouri.

BAND AND POM PON
members take a break
to relax on their way to
Kentucky. This year's
band, along with the
flags and pom pons
marched in the Pe-
gus Parade.



What could be better than missing a day of school and actually learning something in the process? Not too much! At least that is what most students and faculty feel about the few but appreciated field trips here at MHS.

The FEA sponsors the annual teaching trip.

"I loved going on the FEA field trip," said Nancy Packovski, '95.

FEA took a day in March to go and teach middle and elementary school kids. This gave members a chance to see if teaching is in their career goals.

"It was a real learning experience and it will help me in the future when I am teaching my own students," said Packovski.

The Quest club and classes also went on several meaningful trips.

"Quest Club works with our MHS special education students. We help them do Christmas shopping and attend the Bears (special education team) basketball games," commented Jerry Kasarda, sponsor, "we also go cross-country skiing and to ballets. We do these things for fun and to learn and practice helping skills."

Another group that involved itself with field trips was the drama club. They went and saw theatrical productions such as "Joseph and the Amazing Colored Dream Coat" and smaller productions at local theatres.

Other clubs that went on trips throughout the year included the choir performing at Epcott Center in Disney World during spring vacation, and the publication staffs attending the annual Journalism Day at Ball State on April 15.

Whether it was a trip to a college, retirement home, or a major theatre production, field trips are definitely appreciated and enjoyable for many. It was a rare chance for students, faculty, and sponsors to get out of the hum-drum of a typical day, and have fun and actually learn in the process.

* by Kimberly Anderson



FHA - Row 1: Pat Farabaugh, Carl Sims. Row 2: Roshanta Parker, Kristi Settemire, Melissa Giorioso, Erin Crawford, Jenny Rachford. Row 3: Bernadette Vargas, Kathy Rais, Amy DeNardo, Amy Picard, Cindy Frost, Erin Crawford.



MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT READERS - Row 1: Irene Halkins, Julia Zolondz. Row 2: Rachel Torres, Bob Daumer, Debbie Klippl. Row 3: Jason Galoozis, Justin Ramage. Not Pictured: Tony Bartolomeo.

Academic Clashes

Quick!!! What is the meaning of Einstein's theory of relativity? What is the capitol of Ethiopia? How do you spell disestablishmentarianism? Do you know what it means? Are you stumped? Maybe you should talk to some of the members of MHS's academic teams. Decathlon, Spell Bowl, Super Bowl, and Quiz Bowl are the categories. No, these are not football games that are played around New Year's. They are serious academic competitions that take place between September and April.

Spell Bowl comes first, and requires the mastery of the correct spelling of about 3,000 words. In order to accomplish this, sponsor Evelyn Steiner holds practice sessions 2-3 times a week, sometimes before school. They review especially tricky words like the hyphenated ones and the capitalized ones to prepare for the meets. This competition is no ordinary spelling bee. Instead of reciting the words out loud, the contestants from all schools go onto a stage one at a time to write eight words in front of their judge. The school in each division with the highest compiled score has a better chance for going on to state after the rest of the statewide scores are compiled.

Speech also puts in long hours of practice to perfect their oratory skills. The team traveled throughout the state and even ventured to Illinois for contests. To cap off their season the speech team members held their first ever "Speech Follies," in the auditorium at the end of May.

* by David W. Evans



ACADEMIC DECATHLON - Row 1: Kristen Sommers, Monica Shaffer. Row 2: Shan-Hwei Lee, Jennifer Shaffer, Joanne Samuel, Gil-Hwei Lee, Dee Edgcomb.



QUIZ BOWL - Row 1: Shan-Hwei Lee, Joanne Samuel, Kirsten Olson. Row 2: Gil-Hwei Lee.



IRENE HALKIAS, '95,
and Wil Vivo, Cathy
Navarro, and Abby
Igarta, all '94, practice
for the first ever
"Speech Follies." The
Speech team decided
that they needed to
show the community
and even their parents
what they spend all
those extra hours doing.

THE SAYING GOES

"Practice makes
perfect." Abby Igarta,
'94, practices with
Speech team coach
Mike Zolfo. The team
spent many out-of-
school hours perfecting
their pieces for compe-
tition.



Elliott Photo



SPELL BOWL - Row 1: Bob Daumer, Tina Yurechko, Erin Thompson. Row 2:
Nick Gonzalez, Gil-Hwei Lee, Shan-Hwei Lee, Jason Adler.



SUPER BOWL - Row 1: Gil-Hwei Lee, Jennifer Shaffer, Michelle Perez, Evelyn
Steiner. Row 2: Monica Shaffer, Scott Lee, Shan-Hwei Lee, John Miller, Becky
Berdine. Row 3: Brian Mola, Joe Moore, Nick Gonzalez, Mike Gearhart.

RYAN SEIBERLING, '94, and Michelle Verbik, '95, practice for "Don't Drink the Water." The offbeat Woody Allen comedy about a family of suspected spies was the fall play directed by Mark Owen.

"SHALL WE DANCE?"
The cast waltzes away during the ballroom scene in "Cinderella." Once again the put on a musical in the spring.

This year it was the Rogers and Hammerstein version of the ever popular fairy tale.



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ART CLUB - Row 1: Andrea Wirtz. Row 2: Wanda Rice, Phil Langbehn, Jon Lambert, Kelly Meeks.



DRAMA CLUB - Row 1: Ryan Seiberling, Beth Hosfeld, Cathy Aimone, Julia Zolondz, Melissa Breedn, Eric Olson. Row 2: Chris Camisa, Melinda Stelter, Lori Megyesi, Michelle Verbik, Melissa Stelter, Mark Owens. Row 3: David Greenburg, Eric Ruisard, Brian Mola, Mike Menendez, Kevin Newton, Tony Walls.



BEHIND THE SCENES,
Laurie Parpart, does
Prince Charming's (Mike
Pratscher, '94) make-up
for the Friday, April 29
performance.

Dramatic Performances

"Don't Drink the Water" opened up the play season at MHS. The play, written by Woody Allen, was presented in the auditorium November 12 and 13. A family that is suspected of being spies is the plot of the play, that centers around Europe.

Besides doing well here, the cast and crew of the play, directed by Mark Owens, traveled to Logansport High School in Logansport, Indiana to compete in the Regional Theater Festival sponsored by the International Thespians Society.

"I think that going into competition is a great idea because if we place well, then the Drama Club and the class plays will receive a little more recognition," said cast member Michelle Verbik, '95.

On April 29 and 30 the auditorium was transferred from an ordinary stage to a magical setting for the most well-known and loved

fairy tale, "Cinderella." Of course the story is well known, the abused Cinderella, played by Jennifer Dainton, '95, falls in love with a dashing young prince, played by Mike Pratscher, '94. The two overcome many obstacles, two of whom were her evil stepsisters, played by Julia Zolondz, '95, and Cara Colon, '97.

Hours of practice go into any production, and Cinderella was no exception. Hour after hour of countless practicing, singing, laughing, and arguing went into every scene.

"I have to admit that I'm really glad all these practices are over with," said Pratscher.

"Cinderella" gave the cast members a chance not only to act, but live out a fairy tale.

Colon said, "This musical gave me a love for acting that I know I will keep for the rest of my life."

• Kimberly Anderson

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HERO - Row 1: Nicole Brown, Michelle Ensign, Koni Seifert, Lisa Stanchina. Row 2: Kara Davis, Kathy Rodriguez, Dawn Schneider, Janice Mayer, Valerie Sparks. Row 3: Vanessa Virgo, Danielle Gunn, Latrice Washington, Stephanie Cole, Brian Osborne. Row 4: Jason Owen, Anastasia Praschak, John Drasich, Dave Danford. Row 5: Ryan Ringers, Chet Cochran.



THESPIANS - Row 1: Beth Hosfeld, Julia Zolonds, Jenny Dainton, Melissa Breedan. Row 2: Chris Camisa, Melinda Stelter, Michelle Verbik, Melissa Stelter, Laurie Megysi, Eric Olson, Tony Walls. Row 3: Ryan Seiberling, Brian Moia, Mike Menendez, Kevin Newton, Eric Ruisard.

Scholastically Sound

Besides both being honor societies, the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll International Journalism Honor Society have several things in common, including an end of the year banquet and honoring of their seniors.

"Roots and Wings," is a dinner that is organized by NHS to honor the top ten seniors academically. Each of the honorees then select one teacher that they feel has forwarded their education the most throughout their school years. This year's banquet was held at the Innsbrook Country Club.

Quill and Scroll honored journalists at their banquet. Different awards were presented, including the "Ronale Dubowski Outstanding Journalist," "Outstanding Newspaper and Yearbook Staffer," as well as awards sponsored by the *Post-Tribune* and *the Times*.

It has been custom that NHS members wear gold tassels and stoles, but this year Quill and Scroll members began a new tradition. Members of the organization decided to wear a silver and purple honor cord to designate their membership in Quill and Scroll.

• by Patrick Farabaugh



JETS - Row 1: John Sell, Ann Gorman, Alan Slade. Row 2: Brian Moia, Tim Aliff, Mike Gearhart, Tony Walla.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - JUNIORS - Row 1: Irene Halkias, Nancy Packowski, Cynthia Garcia, Angie Corea, Deidre Elizondo. Row 2: Shan-Hwei Lee, Lori Wojtowicz, Beth Hosfeld, Kristen Sommers, Julia Zolondz, Jennifer Bewley. Row 3: Beverly Ambrozak, Bridgette Zellers, Lisa Dimitroff, Jamie Bartochowski, Daniela Damjanoski, Melissa Breedan, Marianne Battistini. Row 4: Rick Lyons, Alex Galic, Mandy Ojlenik, Rich Stazinski, Dawn Buchko, Carlos Prevert. Row 5: Sam Barnett, Laurie Modglin, Katie Pahl, Jason Surdzial, David Greenburg.



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THE TOP TEN SENIORS
in the Class of 1994
were honored by
National Honor Society
at its annual "Roots and
Wings" dinner. Seniors
shown were receiving
their "wings."



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CO-NATIONAL HONOR
Society sponsor Mrs.
Beverly Ambrosiak
presents Mark Bane
with his award as Mark's
honored teacher.
Ms. Irene Spiro looks on.
The top ten students
each invite the teacher
they think has taught
them most to the
annual event.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - SENIORS - Row 1: Riste Gorsecki, Monica Braden, Steve Oh. Row 2: Sunny Durham, Wanda Olivera, Manjula Samuel, Alison Rimer, Ann Gorman, Renee Duma, Becky Schreiber. Row 3: Marianne Battistini, Benita Cokkston, Jennifer Shaffer, Gil-Hwee Lee, Kristina Riese, Sara Parrish, Angie Byrom, Patty Craig. Row 4: John Sell, Eric Olson, Jackie Harms, Christina Moffitt, Janne Transfiguracion, Krista Richardson, Beverly Ambrosiak. Row 5: Tony Walla, Max Ochoa, Tim Alliff, Brian Mola, Mike Gearhart, Mike Pratscher, Tony Vasallo, Greg Bachich.



QUILL AND SCROLL - Row 1: Sunnyle Durham, Julia Zolondz, Cathy Navarro, Dina Weis, Tina Yurechko, Sara Nicholls. Row 2: Rachel Torres, Kim Anderson, Stacy Skura, Amy Geruska, Jean Stanford, Susan Frenchik. Row 3: Tom Gayda, Terry Bryant, Marc Holm, David W. Evans. Row 4: Greg Bachich, Tony Bartolomeo, Pat Farabaugh. Not Pictured: Shannon Bondra, T.J. Lux, Wendy Adams, Judy Adams, Brian Snelson, Kristen Kirn, Julie Obetkovski, Jon Rose.

Spirit Raisers

It takes more than a pretty smile and good dance steps to be a pom-pom. It takes dedication, hour after hour of practicing, frustration and tears, laughter and smiles, and most importantly the motivation to get out there and prove to the school and yourself that the pom squad isn't a bunch of Avon Ladies carrying poms and shaking their rumps. At least not the Merrillville High School pom-pom squad.

The MHS pom-pom squad consists of 32 bright, hardworking, and extremely talented girls. This year, was a time when the squad would finally receive the recognition not only for their talent but for their hardwork and effort. The squad participated in January at the Lake Central's Pom-Pon and Dance Invite where they placed 4th out of 18 schools. Nancy Packowski, 95, stated, "In May, part of the squad traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, along with the Band and Color Guard, to perform in the Kentucky Derby. It's exciting and makes us feel good, knowing that we were good enough to perform in a Nation-wide event." But the poms couldn't just pick up and leave. Months and months of practicing and fundraising went into all their performances and destinations. "We sold

SUMMER DICKEN, '95,
makes it look easy as she performs her halftime routine with a smile. Poms spent hours getting the dance steps perfected.

everything from suntan lotion to pecan clusters to raise money," Kelly Walters, 95, said with a groan. "But it was worth it because without the money we couldn't go to camp and other events, where we have earned various awards." The squad was also picked to perform in Purdue(West Lafayette) and Valparaiso University Band Days.

Before the squad can go onto the field or the court to perform, it is the job of the sponsor Marianne Oates and the two captains Michelle Mayers and Kristina Riese to make sure everything is under control and everyone does the routines almost flawlessly. "My job as being a captain is to help make up routines and pre-games," stated Michelle Mayers, 94, "and also try to keep the peace and order within the squad. Kristina and I also try to get everyone to try and get along like a family. We definitely look better and perform better when everyone is together and is getting along."

MHS definitely gets that impression from watching the pom squad enter the floor. With their faces smiling and ready to perform another spectacular routine. One that fits "A Different Look."

• by Kimberly Anderson



ATHLETIC TRAINERS - Row 1: Aubrey Kelley, Trellis Evans, Kim Simpson.
Row 2: Jill Harms, Kelli Moore, Kati Foreman.



GAMES CLUB - Row 1: Jonathan Zakutanski, Luke Z., Brian Snelson. Row 2: Lyle Stoeling, Angelynn Smith, Scott Mytyk, Rob Wolf. Row 3: Ken Alderman, Steve Blatz, Joe Wotell.



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COLOR GUARD - Row 1: Nadia Vevegas. Row 2: Angela Demaree, Yvonne Escott, Jenny Price, Kelly Johnson. Row 3: Kristin Corsaro, Pam Ruschak, Danyelle Gunn, Julia Zolondz, Michelle King. Row 4: Rachel Torres, Joanna Harbrecht, Marie Kaminsky, Judy Jennings.



POM-PONS - Row 1: Beth Minninger, Stephanie Pagel, Sara Nicholls, Michelle Mayers, Kristina Riese. Row 2: Erin Lain, Jennifer Bewley, Nancy Packowski, Wanda Olivera, Judy Adams, Daniella Ramirez, Summer Dicken. Row 3: Michelle Braden, Beth Jusko, Elizabeth Black, Kristy Trock, Barbara Bartochowski, Christina Gargano. Row 4: Kelly Walters, Krisy Malast, Melissa Clark, Cathy Gallimore, Nicole Paniagus, Amanda Buda. Row 5: Annette Harness, Natalie Conner.

CO-EDITORS-IN-CHIEF
Dina Wels and Cathy
Navarro, both '94,
check the front page
color separations
before taking the *Mirror*
to press at the *Herald*.

DOING THE
background work on a
story meant asking the
right questions. Sara
Nichols, '94, writes the
questions she will use for
her interview.

PRODUCTION WEEK
found the MacIntoshes
busy as Staci Skura, '94,
and Tina Todoroska, '95,
work on last minute
stories. The staff worked
late most Wednesday
nights to ensure that
their press deadlines
were met.



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LITERARY MAGAZINE - Row 1: Judy Adams, Rachel Torres. Row 2: Jackie Crone, Michelle Jones, Andrea Wirtz. Row 3: Willy Origel, Tom Gayda, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Pat Farabaugh, Jon Lambert. Row 4: Kevin Mehay, Ryan Parlock. Not Pictured: Kim Anderson.



NEWSPAPER STAFF - Row 1: Sunnye Durham, Julia Zolondz, Cathy Navarro, Dina Wels, Darniesha Henderson. Row 2: Staci Skura, Tina Todoroska, Olivia Dojcinovski, Amy Geruska, Jean Stanford. Row 3: Tom Gayda, Anthony Bridges, Terry Bryant, Chris Bard, Tony Bartolomeo. Row 4: Greg Bachich, Justin Ramage, Patrick Farabaugh. Not Pictured: Shannon Bondra, Erika Yambrisak.



Off to Press

Has there ever been a doubt that the newspaper will not find its way to homeroom? Did anyone ever wonder how the yearbook gets put together? Well the answer is simple ... it's the journalism staff. Actually there are two staffs. One for the *Mirror* and one for *Merrillvue*.

Cathy Navarro, '94, editor of the *Mirror* staff says, "Being on the newspaper staff has helped me get in touch with the Merrillville High School environment."

Rachel Torres, '94, member of the *Merrillvue* staff feels, "Being on the yearbook staff has helped me to know what it will feel like writing for a large audience since I want to go into communications in college."

There are many good points to being on a journalism staff. One is that you are working towards a goal and you receive more than just a grade, you get to see your finished product published. Also, you get to work with people and you are not by yourself. The atmo-

sphere is also a lot more relaxed than it is in a normal class room. You are given more independence than in other classes because you have to get things done by deadlines and there is little slack given on the due dates.

Chris Bard, '94, of the *Mirror* staff claims, "Deadlines don't bother me!"

While Navarro says, "When it's deadline time I get ulcers, pull my hair out of my head, and yell a lot. I guess you could say I'm a Jekyll and Hyde."

Things are slightly different on the *Merrillvue* staff. The deadlines are more widely spaced but more assignments go into the plant. Also, the staff has to live with the idea that the book only comes out once a year so errors are more lasting. With the newspaper if you make an error it tends to be forgotten when the next issue comes out. There was an emphasis on reducing errors this year.

• by Susan Frenchik

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WMHS - Row 1: Candace Armour, Agnes Mochon, Fernanda Romero, Judy Adams, Irene Halkias, Abby Igartza. **Row 2:** Tony Walls, Ombeline Munier, Dina Weis, Rachel Torres, Amy Geruska, Andrea Wirtz. **Row 3:** Steve DeVillez, Tom Gayda, Terry Bryant, Marc Holm, Anthony Bridges. **Row 4:** Roger Johnson, Jason Galoozie, Patrick Farabaugh, Bob Dauner, Brian Snelson.



YEARBOOK STAFF - Row 1: Susan Frenchik, Tina Yurechko, Michelle Borman. **Row 2:** Tom Gayda, Sara Nichols, Angie Elliott, David W. Evans. **Row 3:** Kimberly Anderson, Jean Stanford, Eileen Hill. **Row 4:** Rachel Torres, Amy Geruska, Patrick Farabaugh. **Not Pictured:** Shannon Bondra, Jon Rowe.

Clean & Sober

SADD is Students Against Drinking and Driving, an organization setup to make the students, faculty, and staff member of MHS aware of the dangers of drugs. "We encourage everyone not to use drugs, and to be aware of how dangerous they can be to you. SADD was developed for those students, faculty, and staff members if they had a problem they could get help," according to club sponsor Lynn Praschak.

Red Ribbon Week comes during October to help students to be aware that drugs are a problem, and no matter where you go drugs are around. If your not taking drugs it is possible somebody you know is taking them and may need help.

Many students here at MHS appreciate the fact that there is a organization that they can go for help in there school. "Drug are a serious problem, and the only way to get help is to talk to someone,

anybody, as long as you don't keep it to yourself," said Bernetta Williams '95.

During Red Ribbon week SADD tries to make students aware of the dangers of drugs.

On the other hand, Quest helps students develop life-long coping skills for living a happy, satisfying productive life. Through numerous activities, such as discussion, reading, and reflection students learn how to communicate effectively, make decisions, solve problems, and understand themselves, peers and parents. Quest offers a three part program, including a course for teens, internship experience and parent seminars. Units focusing on self-concept, emotions, friends, family, parenting, careers, and personal philosophy are some of the many things that the Quest organization deals with.

• by Eileen Hill



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB - Row 1: Kirsten Olson, Delphine Wedding. Row 2: Melissa Peterson, Andrea Wirtz, Stacy Shudick. Row 3: Jeff Yelton, Dana Schlinger, Shan-Swei Lee, Eric Stage. Row 4: Jon Lambert, Tony Vassallo, Kenny Lang.



QUEST CLUB - Row 1: Kurt Anderson, Erick Vertucci, Shelley Boedeker, Daniela Damjanowski. Row 2: Jerry Kasarda, Andy Belush, David Vode. Row 3: Jason Galoozis, Chris DeMure. Not Pictured: Mike Guernsey, Laurie Maness, Angie Byrom, Angela Mish, Tori Hughes, Brett Fedak, Jenni Randolph, Kim Gutierrez.



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QUEST HAD A PARENT'S Day program which allowed participating parents a chance to understand better what the class was about.



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SPONSORING THE dance following the Basketball Homecoming game proved a fun way to make money as the Pirates "Diced the Slicers."



SADD - Row 1: Jennifer Smith, Cathy Aimone, Jenny Rachford, Lynn Praschak. Row 2: Brian Lehr, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Scott Mytek.



SUNSHINE SOCIETY - Row 1: Angela Wusik, Jamie Childress, Lisa Von Berg, Megan Krisko. Row 2: Andrea Rybolt, Stephanie Cichy, Melissa Peterson. Row 3: Jill Harms, Jenny Smith, Dana Schlinger, Kate Neskoski.

CHRIS DEMURE, '96,
talks along with the
"BLAST" video during
student government's
presentation of MHS as
part of the bid for the
state student govern-
ment convention.
Student government
was successful in their
bid so MHS will host the
convention.

MISTY CARDENAS, '94,
and Judy Jennings, '95,
take a bike to the bus
as part of their annual
Christmas Wish project
co-sponsored with NHS.
Homerooms adopt a
child and purchase gifts
to make his or her
Christmas brighter.



CLASS OFFICERS - Row 1: Chris DeMure, Diane, Jessica Vargas. Row 2:
Victor Lopez, Joe Moore. Row 3: Jason Galoozis.



KEY CLUB - Row 1: Renata Stefanoski, Joanne Samuel, Lisa Kanouse, Karen McKay. Row 2: Michelle Sulich, David Kordys, Susan Drobac, Becky Jenkins, Sarah Edwards, Kim Kintz, Laura Murtaugh. Row 3: Sarah Millsavjevich, Maggie Samson, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Jenny Frankhauser, Eric Gill, Kelly White. Row 4: Bob Martinez, Jason Knight, Kiwanis Adviser Harold Holmes.



TEACHING MULTI-
Cultural awareness,
Misty Cardenas, '94,
teaches a session at
the District 1 workshop
held at MHS.

Law Makers

It takes a large group to organize such events as both spirit weeks, dances, raffles, and just about any other event that goes on at MHS, but the Student Government was able to do all that, and more.

From orientation to the last day of school, the student government is always planning some event to keep the students at MHS involved. With meetings in the arena after school every other Wednesday the members proposed, debated, and even shot down some ideas. Meetings are typically run by the Government President Will Vivo, '94, but all members are encouraged to suggest ideas and comment on others.

One of the Government's more popular events this year was the "Kiss the Pig" contest. Tom Herbert, assistant principal, received the most money in his can requiring him to kiss a pig during halftime of a home basketball game. This event was a big money maker for the members.

What had to be the thrill for Student Government members would have to be winning their bid to host the state convention for student councils in 1995. Members learned of their victory while attending a convention in Muncie, Indiana at Ball State University.

If it seems like the Student Government is sponsoring a different activity everyday it probably should. More likely than not, members are doing something.

•by Tom Gayda



STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL - Row 1: Cathy Almone, Abby Vivo, Irene Halkias, Gina Hampton, Vilfred Vivo. Row 2: Andrea Wirtz, Benita Cookston, Toula Vasilopoulos, Melissa Skratsky, Ryan Seiberling. Row 3: Marc Holm, Debbie Kings, Misty Cardenas, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Chris DeMure. Row 4: Rick Larson, David Vode, Eric Olson.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT - Row 1: Pat Farbaugh, Jason Gallochia, Chris DeMure, Andy Belob, Eugene Vivo. Row 2: Benita Cookston, Joey Balcerak, Kim Anderson, Schelly Beckerle, Cynthia Garcia, Abby Vivo, Irene Halkias, Nancy Pascheksi. Row 3: Will Vivo, Lir Simunic, Becky Schreiber, Melissa Peterson, Josie Arenas, Cathy Almone, Lori Garbus, Pam Ruschak, Becky Palme, Chathy Navarro, Janette Ellison. Row 4: Dave Vode, Judy Jennings, Jackie Harms, Dina Weis, Melissa Skratsky, Jenny Price, Rebecca Zolotz, Angie Correa, Toula Vasilopoulos, Daniella Damjanosky. Row 5: Dana Schlinger, Rachel Torres, April Puroni, Heather Lochee, Nicole Cole, Jenny Herbert, Monica Braden, Mandy Ojlenik, Misty Cardenas, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Marie Kaminsky, Eric Vertucci, Bob Dauner, Marc Holm, Chris Camisa, Jason Jesuit, John Bell, Mike Pratscher, Tony Vassallo, Jon Lambert, Andy Crane.

Making Money

Polly wanna buy a cracker? Okay, now that will cost you \$1.50.

Fundraisers at MHS could range anywhere from a simple candy sale to students donating money to see a faculty member have to kiss a pig! Yes, it's true. Students today will do almost anything to raise money. Whether it be for a student scholarship or to buy the band new outfits, the need for money is always there.

Want a good way to get some extra cash? Sponsor a dance. Almost all the dances this year proved to be good for some extra money. Homecoming and Prom both turned out to be extremely profitable. Even thought the Mommy-Daddy Date Night was scheduled so close the Prom, it turned out a fair crowd as well. "It was great that so many people showed up. After all, it sure seemed as if we had the odds stacked against us on this one."

commented Latrice Washington, '94.

Another fundraiser the brought in the bucks this year was the Student Government "Kiss a Pig" contest. In this, the MHS faculty volunteer to be put on what came to be known as the "Pig Court." By doing this, They put themselves up for bidding. Jugs were made for each contestant and the students and faculty both contributed over \$600 to see Tom Herbert, vice principal, have to pucker up and kiss little Two Lips, the pig. "It was a blast seeing Mr. Herbert have to kiss that little pig. He wasn't my personal choice of course, but it was still something worth seeing," commented foreign exchange student, Ombeline Munier, '94.

The band and choir also raised money this year to pay for their trips to Florida and Kentucky.

•by Patrick Farabaugh



DEBATE - Row 1: Josie Arena, Rachel Torres. Row 2: LaToya Francis, Nicole May, Kristin Strawhun. Row 3: Rick Larson.



JAZZ BAND - Row 1: Melissa Breedon, Leanne Forbes, Jodi Springman, Alison Rimer, Kara Gonzales. Row 2: Shawn Peschke, Brian Snelson, Paxton Williams, Joe Steeb, Tony Walla, Aaron Lewis. Row 3: Jim Bergstrom, Bob Verbil, Scott Lee, Justin Swartzentruber, Mike Menendez, Rob Wolf. Row 4: Ryan Seiberling, Adam Weizian, Don Cole, Aaron Malerich.



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DEDICATION IS GIVING
up your lunch hour.
Amy Picard, '95, and
Wanda Olvera, '94, FHA
members, take Valentine
balloon orders at
lunch in the Commons.

MS. CAROL VON
Behren, home economics
teacher and club
sponsor, helps club
members set up the
refreshments table for
Mommy-Daddy Date
Night.



Bosenbank Photo



SPEECH TEAM - Row 1: Rachel Torres, Beth Hosfeld, Cathy Navarro, Abby Igarta, Irene Halkias. Row 2: Becky Jenkins, Lisa Taylor, Melissa Skratsky, Maegan Wojciechowski, Stacy Brown. Row 3: Peterson Williams, Amy DeNardo, Debbie Kings, Scott Mytyk, DeNardo, Toush, Vandenberg, Kathleen Wisniewski. Row 4: Kristen Strawbun, Dina Weis, Erica Ashworth, Will Vivo, Ryan Seiberling, Bob Daumer. Row 5: Mike Cardwell, Jason Reed, Ryan Brown, Eric Olson, Mike Pratscher.



VOCALTEENS - Row 1: Eugene Vivo, Wilfred Vivo, Cathy Navarro, Becky Schreiber, Rich Staszinski, Angela Mish, Kevin Newton, Marie Lengyl, Abby Vivo. Row 2: Jody Balcerak, Bryan Phillips, Julia Zolondz, Tim Sopko, Mandy Olejnek, Jon Schultz, Angela Byrom, Eric Culp, Tina Yurechko. Row 3: Benita Cookston, Andy Cross, Jennifer Dalton, Harry Simms, Christina Moffitt, Andy Belush, Michelle Verbik, Lawrence Murphy.

ART CLUB MEMBER

Elizabeth Piazza, '95, paints faces with ethnic designs at the Multi-Cultural Fair held in the Field House, the Hall of Flags, and the Senior Citizen's Center.

MULTI-CULTURAL

Awareness Task Force member Lyle Stoeling sets up his booth in the

Hall of Flags to take donations for the flags for which the group still

needs a sponsor.

Families, faculty members, administrations, and homerooms all donated money for the flags. Eventually a plaque will indicate the sponsors of each flag.

MEMBERS OF THE

community sample ethnic cuisine in the Hall of Flags during the corporation's Multi-Cultural Fair. Because few vendors chose to sell their food, food vendors were nearly constantly busy.



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FRENCH CLUB - Row 1: Candace Armour, Melissa Skratsky, Toula Vassilopoulos, Heather Stanate, Cathy Malone, Ternanda Romaro, Ombeline Munier, Irene Spiro. Row 2: Telkesho Williams, Lisa Van Berg, Sara Litty, Vanesa Doneksi, Masha Trajkov, Beth Hosfeld, Amy DeNardo. Row 3: Angie Corea, Debbie Kings, Stephanie Cichy, Lisa Dimitriff, Kristen Somers, Roniesha Rose. Row 4: Ronda Price, A'Rhonda Hickerson, Monica Shaffer, Rachel Price, Megan Kristko, Jill Harms.



GERMAN CLUB - Row 1: Ann Gorman, Mike Pratscher, Jenny Duplaga, Leeanne Forbes. Row 2: Melissa Manojlovich, Angie Stapsinski, April Pratscher, Gil-Hwei Lee, Corey McDermot. Row 3: Alan Slade, Kristen Strawhun, Donna Sorlig, Rick Brodner. Row 4: Jon Lambert, Tony Vasallo.



Internationally Known

Hello! Hola! Bonjour! Guten Tag! The Multi-Cultural Awareness Task Force is becoming a driving element behind MHS activities this year. With help from the French, Spanish, and German Clubs, MCATF is promoting understanding and appreciation of many cultures.

This year, it's grown to the level that it helped sponsor corporation wide Multi-Cultural Fair. This fair took place on Saturday, April 23 in the fieldhouse and Hall of Flags, alive with music, food, dance, and crafts representing many cultures. The German, French and Spanish Clubs were in full force helping with concessions, while Student Government helped with refreshments and parking, and the art club orchestrated the multi-cultural face-painting for children.

An added dimension the Task

Force has gained this year is the involvement of the entire Merrillville School Corporation. The fair was able to house as many activities as it did because of the participation of the elementary and middle schools. The Hall of Flags itself was assembled with great help from the elementary schools. Students from all MCSC schools had individual song and dance performances to entertain the crowd.

This multi-cultural fair was not the first opportunity for the members of all three foreign language clubs to come together. Twice this year, for Christmas and Valentine's Day they sponsored parties, also known as fiestas, Mardi Gras, and partei. These parties were held in the cafeteria and featured music, food, and games from their nations.

•by Rachel Torres



MULTI-CULTURAL AWARENESS TASK FORCE - Row 1: Kirsten Olson, Mary Ann Bertram, Tina Yurechko, Julia Zolondz, Melissa Skratsky, Cathy Aimone. Row 2: Irene Halkias, Misty Cardenas, A'Rhonda Hicherson, Debbie Kings, Inanne Transfiguracion. Row 3: Lyle Stoeling, Eric Olson, Brian Mola, Randy Stelter, Rachel Torres, Will Vivo. Not Pictured: Lorri Covaciu, Jean Stanford, Maryann Foster, Wanda Rice, Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz.



SPANISH CLUB - Row 1: Maryann Bertram, Kristen Santos, Cynthia Garcia, Kathy Rais, Bernadette Vargas. Row 2: Angela Wusik, Jamie Childress, Aarthi Tejuja, Lucinda Pax, Fernanda Romero. Row 3: Summer Dickin, Raquel Garcia, Scott Mytyk, Donna Damjanoski, Ann DeNardo.

Stylin' Singers

On Tuesday, March 29, choir students woke up to get ready for the big day ahead. It was time to prove that all the extra practices back home were well worth it.

The choir performed a medley called "Rock the Jukebox" in front of Mickey and friends at the American Grandstand stage in Epcot Center.

"Performing in front of about 300 some people was really exciting. When we first started there weren't that many people in the stands, but before we knew it, the stands pretty much filled up. People would even stop to watch us perform while other people were even standing in the aisles," commented Harry Sims, '94.

Choir director Roger Emig described the performance as marvelous. He added, "Everybody did their best and I couldn't believe how professionally the kids behaved. Their performance was totally first class all the way, and by

far the best performance they have done this entire year."

The trip was not all hard work. Choir members also had dinner at King Henry's Feast, spent time sun bathing at Wet and Wild, went to Disney World and Kennedy Space Center, and spent time shopping and at the beach.

Nearly a month later, 32 members of the Show Choir headed for the University of Eastern Kentucky. There they competed against 13 other show choirs from other states including Ohio and Tennessee. The MHS Show Choir placed fourth. Numbers they performed were "Sing Joy" and "We Go Together" from the movie *Grease*.

"I think 'We Go Together' is probably one of our better numbers. It seems to be able to show off a more playful side of the choir. Everyone seems to enjoy that song. I know I do," explained Abby Vivo, '95.

•by Olivia Dojcinovski and Patrick Farabaugh



CONCERT CHOIR - Row 1: Laila Zolondz, Carmen Ramirez, Christal Gutierrez, Lisa Taylor, Michelle Parker, Janelle Ellison, Michelle Verlik, Jennifer Vega, Michelle Mayers, Rosemarie Pacholski, Tia Yurko, Cathy Alabone, Cindy Navarro, Beth Schreiber, Matt Nevaro, Jason Delando, Alfredo Viveros, Leah Sidor, Riverne Abby, Amy McCrary, Lucy Draper, Roger Emig. Row 2: Lucinda Paz, Jody Balcerak, Amy Rickard, Jason Surdzial, Lawrence Murphy, Matt Cooke, Rich Staszinski, Tom Sopko, Angela Mish, Angela Byrom, Andabelle Munler, Amy Siford. Row 4: Correy McDermott, Jill Harmsa, Jennifer Dalton, Jon Schultz, Emmanuel McCann, Andy Belush, Eric Culp, Pheron Lewis, Leah Frink, Jacky Harmsa, Christina Moffitt, Harriet Kelly. Row 5: Benita Cookston, Misty Cardenas, Tom Schultz, Sam Barnett, Tom Leep, evin Newton, Andy Crane, Karry Simms, Patrick Farabaugh, Mandy Ojlenik, Mandy Snover, Katy Paul, Rhonda Price, Rachel Price.



GIRL'S CHOIR - Row 1: Maria Papadakis, Tanya Hill, Andrea Coates, Cara Colon, Katrina Triplett. Row 2: Lisl Goley, Carrie Snow, Tomishia Brown, Kendra Tolefree, Jessica Swims, Julianne Peppas. Row 3: Kelly Niegzdna, Amanda Kirk, Carla Schell, Angie Krumrie. Row 4: Roger Emig, Vanessa Donecki, Kellye Stephens, Dena Jefferson, Mcilissa Dennis, Moselle Richards. Row 5: Maria Trajkov, Jenny Yukin, Tanja Zaravetski, Sarah Millisavlevich.



Farabaugh Photo

GETTING THE STEPS
right, Girls Choir prac-tices the choreography, as well as the vocals, for the Spring Concert.



Farabaugh Photo



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WORKING HARD, LENA
Giffilan, '96, concen-trates on the correct phrasing as she practices for the Spring choir concert held in Reinhart Auditorium.

THE LEGEND SAYS
whoever pulls Excalibur from the anvil will be the next King of England. Cathy Almon, '94, tries her hand at removing Excalibur during the choir's trip to Florida during Spring Break.



MIXED CHORUS · Row 1: Sarah Burr, Kelly LaBonte, Amy DeNardo, Lisa Kanouse. Row 2: Felicia Taylor, Beth Jusko, Angie Stapienski, Becky Jenkins, Aubrey Kelly, Samantha Sherwood. Row 3: Andrea Simpson, Kelly Thorne, Eugene Vlivo, Tyrone Brown, Roshana Parker, Melissa Gioroso. Row 4: Melissa Potts, Brian Phillips, Emmanuel Kazomis, Roshana Parker, Jaime Santamaro. Row 5: Judy Jennings, Joe Moore, Marco Flores, Britton Hoffman, Becky Berdine.



NINTH GRADE GIRL'S CHOIR · Row 1: Holly Gentry, Elisabeth Black, Ashley Estes, Kira Davila, Kristen Kapanka. Row 2: Megan Dixon, Mandy Sokpo, Barbara Hoaglund, Carly Morgan. Row 3: Emily Barnett, Nichole Shultz, Megan Reberg, Sarah Frink, Kariannne Jelinek. Row 4: Jenny Trapane, Angie Miller, Jenny Poznial, Mariah Mitchell.

Masterful Musicians

The discordant sound of scales being played individually by several people fills the air as band and orchestra members warm up. They're not doing stretches in the athletic meaning of the term, instead they're limbering fingers.

This was a successful year for instrumental music students. Band and orchestra both received superior rating at their respective Indiana State School Music Association contests.

This wasn't an ordinary contest for the symphonic band. They had been unable to practice together the last two days before the competition. Band director Mary Clay had not been at school since the night of the pre-contest concert because her husband was in the hospital.

Then as the orchestra headed off on their field trip to see the

Chicago Symphony, the band stepped off to Kentucky to play in the Pegasus Parade and Competition.

A total of 105 Marching and Jazz Band members, Pom-Poms, Color Guard members, and instrumentalists made the trip.

The parade, which included 22 marching bands from throughout the United States, was only part of the Kentucky Derby festivities.

The Jazz Band, "Jazz Impact," won the honor of being the sole entertainment at the float preview party that was held at the Commonwealth Convention Center in downtown Louisville.

The 21 member group was televised on local television in Kentucky and nationally on the Nashville Network.

•by Cathy Navarro and Julia Zolondz



CONCERT BAND - Row 1: Sharon Segevich, Melissa Clark, Shannon James, Heather Luedtke. Row 2: Shawn Peske, Ryan Dericq, Kati Shapkaroff, Paul Zolidz. Row 3: James Bergstrom, Steve Manning, Ray Montgomery, Chris Camisa, Bob Verbik. Row 4: Nick Gonzalez, Mike Coughlin, Ryan Remenius, Andrew Bowden.



CONCERT BAND - Row 1: Nicole Hail, Twanna Allen, Rasheeda Maxwell, Berlinda Williams, Deanna Gonzalez. Row 2: Sonja Damjanoski, Stephanie Know, Amy Stobaugh, DeVon Parker, Yasmin Aponte, Rebekah Jusko, Shannon Scott. Row 3: DeShawn Williams, Krisay Long, Angie Lamb, Tamara Besty, Kim Swierc, Mike Walker, Tiffany Januszewski. Row 4: Frank Halcarz, Jennifer Lepley, Stephanie Vaise, Rob Wolf.



Rowe Photo

PLAYING THE SCHOOL
song, members of the
Pep Band work with
the cheerleaders to get
the crowd into the
basketball game.



Faraough Photo

IN PIT ROW, GIL-HWEI
Lee, '94, plays her violin
in the pit orchestra for
"Cinderella." Many of
the orchestra members
played for the musical
on their own time.



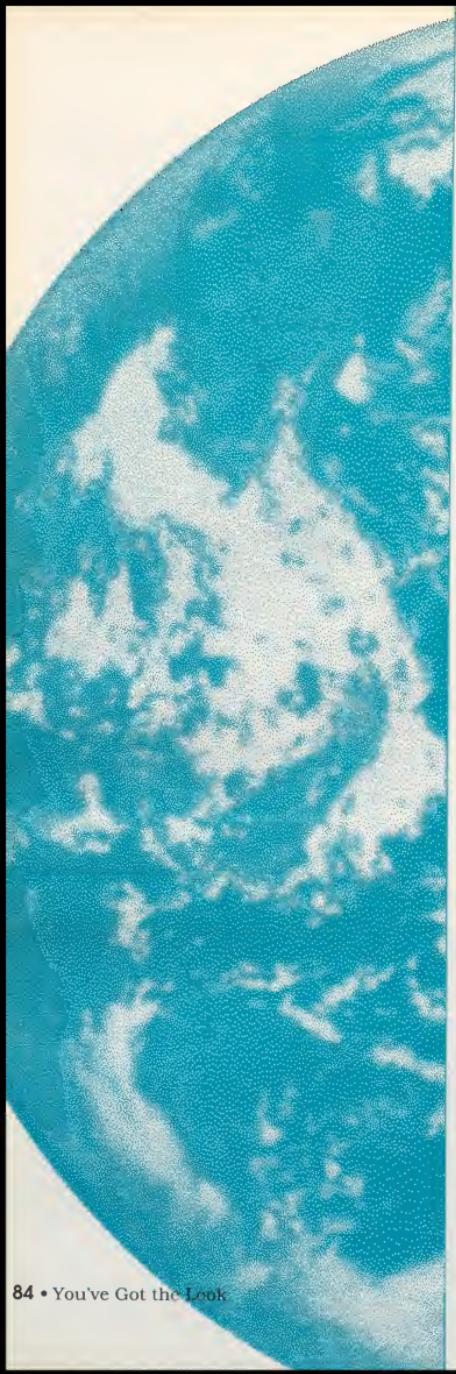
ORCHESTRA - Row 1: Liz Flores, Melissa Skratusky, Shan-Hwei Lee, Deanna Tracy, Dede Riddle. Row 2: Kirsten Olson, Toula Vasiliopoulos, Sztot, Angelyn Smith, Deanna Price, Marianne Maj. Row 3: Jamie Komenda, Jamie Fantin, Debby Kings, Monica Shaffer, Gil-Hwei Lee. Row 4: Ben Jarvis, Steve McFarland, John Miller, Jason Rico, Chris Miller, Ben De Leon.



SYMPHONIC BAND - Row 1: Dave Maldonado, Sonja Mitchell, Kara Gonzalez, Yvonne Escott, Damon Derico. Row 2: Roger Johnson, Eric Randolph, Sean Buck, Preston Williams, Joe Steeb, Carlos Frervert. Row 3: Pete Rodriguez, Kenny Lange, Dave Greenburg, Brian Snelson, Matt Cooke, Anthony Walls. Row 4: Anthony Reddix, Michael Hampton, Tommy Gasperson, Rickey McMillan, Tim Alliff, Kyle Doblecki. Row 5: Don Cole, Rob Flores, Mike Jonson, Aaron Malerich, Mike Menendez.



SYMPHONIC BAND - Row 1: Melissa Breedon, Carmen Bonilla, Cynthia Garcia, Bernadette Varga, Dawn Buchko. Row 2: Sean Briggs, Allison Rimer, Jenny Price, Christal Williams, Lisa Beres, Becky Paine, Rhonda Jackson. Row 3: Bill McKee, Aaron Lewis, Marie Kaminsky, Pam Ruschak, Laura Morales, Shawn Gueyser. Row 4: Charles Chung, Thad Agee, Barbie Guy, Sara Lutinen, Mark Lengyel. Row 5: Jason Jesuit, Brian Konicke, Marc Harris.





Forbaugh Photo

AFTER
basketball
homecoming,
queen Tiffany
Albee, '94,
celebrates
with several of
her friends.

LORI DUST,
head girls
basketball
coach, looks
shocked
before parents
night.

Evans Photo

If you preferred baggy clothes or the most fashionable outfits, chances had it you dressed for comfort. Doc Martins on the feet, flannel without lining, and cartoon character clothing flooded the halls of MHS on a daily basis. Even if you felt like just wearing your favorite old sweat outfit, we knew - **YOU'VE GOT THE LOOK.**

Wendy Marie Adams-Cheerleader 10, 11, 12; Chor 9; FEA 11; Officer 12; Homecoming Basketball Court 10, 12; Homecoming Football Court 12; PNN 12; Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Court 11; Q and A 12; WMHS Officer 12 **Catherine Aimeone**-CPC 12; Chor 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 10, 11, 12; FMA 10; French Club 10, 11, Officer 12; MCATF 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Pathfinding Committee 10, 11; SADD 10, 11, 12; SAC 10, 11, 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 10, 11, 12; Thespians 12; Video Yearbook 10; VocalTeens 11, 12; **Tiffany Renee Albee**-Cheerleader 9; FEA 10; Gymnastics 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Basketball Queen 12; Homecoming Football Court 12; Chor 9; Powder Puff 11; Prom Court 11 **Ken Alderman**-Garnets Club 12; **Tim Allif**-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 12; NHS 11, 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10.

Monica Anguiano-Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, Officer 11; Track 9; **Josie Arena**-CPC 12; Debate 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11; Officer Aide 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Student Government 10, 12; Track 10; Volleyball 9, 10; **Christine Elise Armento**-CPC 10; French Club 10, 11, 12; PNN 12; SAC 10; Student Government 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Ravie 12; Speech 10, 11, 12; SAC 11; Student Government 11; Swimming 12; Yearbook 9; **Gregory Michael Bachich**-CPC 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 11; NHS 12; Newspaper 12; PNN 12; Q and S 12; Teacher's Aide 12; WMHS 12; Wrestling 9.

Kari Bailey-Band 9, 10; Poms 9, 10; SADD 10, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Michael Bailey**-Football 9, 11; Track 11; Wrestling 10; **Dimitrios Bairaktaris**-FEA 10; French Club 10; Soccer 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 11; **Christopher Lee Baker**-Basketball 9, 10; Basketball 9; NJHS 9; Spanish Club 9, 10; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 10, 12; Teams 9, 10, 11, 12; **Jody Lynn Balcerak**-Cheerleader 9; CPC 12; Chor 9, 10, 11, 12; Environmental Committee 12; Student Government 11, 12; VocalTeens 11, 12.

Joseph M. Bali, **Mark Bane**-NHS 11; NJHS 9, 10; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; SpellBowl 10, 11, 12; **Doreen R. Bank**-SPA 12; COE 12; **Christopher Bard**-Baseball 9; Basketball 9; Chor 9; Newspaper 12; Spring Play 9; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 11; **Anthony D. Bartolomeo**-Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Morning Announcer 12; Newspaper 12; Prom Court 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.

Kelly L. Beckett-Chor 9; Spanish Club 10; Sunshyne Society 12; Tennis 9; **Lisa Bell**-FEA 10; NJHS 9; Office Aide 11; Poms 9; Powder Puff 12; Student Government 10, 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11; **Paul Kenneth Berkibile**, **Molly B. Bernstein**-Builder's Club 9; French Club 11; Natural Helpers 11, 12; Poms 9, 10; Powder Puff 10; Revue 11; Student Government 10, 11, 12; **Allen L. Berrier**.

Alexis Marie Berta-Builder's Club 9; Choir 9; Poms 9; Powder Puff Football 10, 11, 12; Speech 10, 11; Teacher's Aide 12; **Noel F. Bertoch**-Outreach Program 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **Victoria Bettin**-French Club 10; Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; SADD 10; **Nicholas Bice**-Don Binkley-Band 9; Football 9, 10.





Steven Carl Blatz-Games Club 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Sally A. Blomiley**.
Adelia M. Blondet-Spanish Club 11 **Kevin Bobos**-Football 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Wrestling 9, 10; **Todd Andrew Bogolia**-Choir 9; Football 9; Teacher's Aide 12.

Michelle Christine Borman-Basketball 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Yearbook 12; **Sean Bowman**, **Bobby Bozinovski**-Football 9, 10, 11, 12; **Monica Braden**-Band 9, 10; CPC 12; Debate 11, 12; French Club 11; NJHS 11, Officer 12; NJHS 9; Natural Helpers 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; SAC 11; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; **Edwin Roy Brant, Jr.**-Football 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.

Anthony F. Bridges-Newspaper 12; **Cindy Brown**-Cheerleader 9; FEA 10, 12; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheer & Office Aides 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; **Jennifer Bryan**-Builder's Club 9; Cheerleader 9, 10; Choir 9; French Club 11, 12; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Government 11, 12; **Terry L. Bryant**-Newspaper 12; PNN 12; Q and S 12; WMHS Officer 12; **Stacy Budzevski**.

HITTING THE AIRWAVES



He's the producer of MHS's first year of the Pirate News Network. He's Vice President of WMHS Productions. He's the Opinion Editor and the assistant feature editor of *the Mirror*.

He's senior Terry Bryant, and he keeps himself very busy, as one can tell. As head producer of PNN, MHS's own televised news program, he is in charge of delegating responsibility among the reporters, choosing the news stories, and overseeing the actual production of the show on every Wednesday morning.

Besides the extra activities, Bryant finds time for class. His favorite classes include newspaper and broadcast journalism, but he is very devoted and has responsibility for both. "I love the business, it's my life's work," says Bryant. He also enjoys biology. "I love to learn about animals, how they live and behave."

Not surprisingly, his favorite teacher is his newspaper and broadcast journalism adviser, Jean Stanford. "She intro-

duced me to journalism, and has helped me use my talents to discover what I want to do." These discoveries will stay with Bryant outside the classroom. "She has taught me lessons through journalism that I will carry with me the rest of my life."

In his free time, Bryant likes to, "work out at home, go to the mall and movies, and talk on the phone."

What does Bryant want to do after graduation? He plans to attend Purdue University or Ball State to double major in communications and journalism. Bryant has also set some long-term goals for after college graduation. "I would like to get a job with a major television news program like NBC."

But wait, there's more to Bryant's outlook.

Bryant states, "Eventually I'd like to host my own talk show or publish my own magazine."

Terry Bryant is on his way to reaching his goals. • **Rachel Torres**

FAVORITE MOVIE:
HOUSE PARTY 2

FAVORITE ACTOR:
DANNY GLOVER

FAVORITE FOOD:
PIZZA

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
COSBY SHOW/A
DIFFERENT
WORLD RERUNS

PET PEEVE: "I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE CRITICIZE THINGS WHEN THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH WORK AND DEDICATION GOES INTO IT."

Angie Byrom-Cheerleader 9, 10, 11; Chor9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 10; Homecoming Basketball Court 10, 11, 12; Miss MHS Queen 12; MHS Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 11; Quest Club Officer 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; VocalTeens12. **Scott Caldwell**. **Jeffrey A. Cantwell**, **Michael Carden**.

Misty Cardenas-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; MCATF 12; Office Aide 11; SAC12; Student Government 10, 11; Teacher's Aids 12.



Josh Clements, **Julie C. Cole**-Office Aide 11, 12; Poms 12; Powder Puff 12. **Benita L. Cookston**-PC12; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 10, 11, 12; NJHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; SAC 11, 12; Student Government 9, 11, 12; VocalTeens 11, 12. **Alex Corra**-Football 9; Revue 12; Wrestling 9. **Patricia Craig**-NJHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Powder Puff 11; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12, Volleyball 9, 10.

BIRTHDAY:
APRIL 20, 1976

FAVORITE FOOD:
PEANUT BUTTER
CAP'N
CRUNCH

FAVORITE MOVIE:
THE NAKED GUN

MUSICAL GROUP:
PEARL JAM

FAVORITE TEACHER:
MAX
HUTCHINSON

BIG LEAGUE DREAMS

The mention of Mike Czaszar's name usually brings two different types of reactions: Who is that? or Hey! He's a really cool guy! For those people who don't know Mike Czaszar, '94, is a truly inspirational person. Czaszar looks like a quiet and reserved person or like any other stressed out MHS student, but remember, looks can be deceiving.

Czaszar likes the changes that have occurred at MHS since he first began here. "It's much better than the dusty dungeon of my sophomore year." He plans on taking advantage of everything that this school has to offer.

A good start is probably with his academics. Czaszar works hard and receives excellent grades in his classes. His favorite teacher is Max Hutchison. "He really, really, really, pushes me to my limits." And those limits have earned him a spot on the National

Honor Society, where he uses his academic ability to help others by tutoring.

Czaszar also enjoys playing sports, whether it is for the school or for recreation. His all time favorite is baseball. Most people know him as a baseball fanatic. People often say that they can picture Czaszar twenty years from now, with his little group of baseball fanatics, discussing the latest baseball paraphernalia.

On a personal level, Czaszar gets along really well with his family and loves just hanging out with his friends. One of his special talents is eating a whole raw onion. Hopefully he carries some strong breath mints with him after performing that death-defying feat. "I like girls who have similar interests as I do, but they must have opinions of their own."

- by Kim Anderson





Brian Cram-Reeve 12. **Evan Crawford**-Creative Writing Club 12. **Bob Crews**-Band 9; BPA 9; French Club 10; HERO 12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Michael Csaszar**-Baseball 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12. **Bob Cunningham**-Cross Country 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Track 11.



Candi Cunningham-Cross Country 10; FEA 10, 11; Choir 9; Poms 9, 11; Softball 9, 10. **Daniella Daugherty**, **Kara A. Davis**-Builder's Club 9; HERO Officer 12; Choir 9, Spanish Club 11. **Heidi Ann DeYoung**-Powder Puff 11, 12. **Randy A. DeYoung**.



Brien Delich-Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 12; Football 9; Quest Club 12. **Lisa Michelle Dericco**-Office Aide 11, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12. **Olivia Dojcinovska**-Basketball 9; Cross Country 10; FEA 9; Newspaper 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Swimming 10. **Brandon J. Doneski**-Basketball 9; Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 11. **John R. Drasich**-Band 9, 10, 11; HERO Officer 12; Revue 11; Teacher's Aide 11.



Martin L. Drayton-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 12; Swimming 10. **Paula Dres**-Builder's Club 9; Choir 9; Office Aide 12; Poms 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12. **Rene Dunn-FHA 10, Officer 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Poms 9; SADD 10, 11; Spanish Club 11, Officer 12. **Sunnye Durham**-Class Officer 9; French Club 9, 10, 11; NJS11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Newspaper 9, 11, 12; Office Aide 9; Natural Helpers 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Q and S 11, 12; SADD 10; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Officer 9; Tennis 10; Yearbook 9. **Mandy Echterling**-Power Puff 12; Teachers Aide 12.**



Arte Emmanoilidis-German Club 10, 11; Tennis 9, 10. **Michelle Ensign**-FHA 10, 11, 12; HERO 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Teacher's Aide 11. **Scott Erney**-Teacher's Aide 12. **Daniel Evans**-Academic Decathlon Team 12; Basketball Manager 11, 12. **David Wayne Evans**-News paper 11, 12; PNN 12; Q and S 12; WMHS 12; Wrestling 10; Yearbook 11, 12.



Kimberley Evans-NJHS 9; Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 9, 10. **Megan A. Evans**, **Nicole Ferlus**-Basketball 9, 10; Class Officer 9; Creative Writing Club Officer 12. **FEA 12**; German Club 11; Homecoming Basketball Queen 9; Office Aide 11; Powder Puff 11, 12; Quest Club 12; Revue 12; Softball 9, 10, 11; Spanish Club 9; Officer 10; Student Government 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11. **Laura Diane Filan-Berg** 9, 10, 11; Basketball 9, 10; CPC 12; Debate 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff 12; Track 10; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12. **Marie-Claire Foster**-Art Club 9, 12; CPC 12; FEA 11; Officer 12; French Club 9; Outreach Program 10; Powder Puff 11, 12; Speech 11; Student Government 11, 12; Swimming 12; Track 10; Volleyball 10.

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Seniors

Eugene Freeman-Baseball 9; Basketball 9; **Emily Ann Frizzell**-CPC 12; FEA 10; French Club 10, 11; Office Aide 9; Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 12; SADD 10, 11; **Scott Gallagher**, **Jason Galoozis**-Baseball 9; Clees Officer 12; CPC 12; Choir 9; Creative Writing Club 12; Football 9, 10, 11; Games Club 9; Golf 12; Swimming; **Angela Gaskins**-Basketball 9; Office Aide 10; Natural Helpers 11, 12; PNN 12; Quest Club 13; Spring Play 9; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 10; Track 9, 11; Wrestling 9; **Brad Gregory Garity**-Football 9, 10.



Daniel Garza, Thomas Daniel Gayda-Basketball Statistician 9, 10, 11, 12; Builder's Club 9; Class Officer 11; CPC 12; FEA 12; Newspaper 9, 11, 12; Office Aide 11; SAC 10, 11; Q and S 11, Officer 12; SADD 11; SAC 10, 11; Student Government Officer 9, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; WMHS Officer 12; Yearbook 11, Editor 12; **Michael W. Gearhart**-Gemes Club 11; JETS 12; NHS 11, 12; **Jeremy S. Gilbert**, **Matthew Gill**.



Joanna L. Glagola-Basketball Manager 10; German Club 10; **Angela J. Glavas**-Morning Announcer 12; Powder Puff 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Czar D. Goetz**-Baseball 9; CPC 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Quest Club 11; Spanish Club 11; **Nathan Gombus**, **Alex Gonzalez**.



Diane Gonzalez, Ann L. Gorman-Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, Officer 12; JETS 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Student Government 10; Swimming 10; **Terri Riste Goreski**-Basketball 9; Basketball 9, Football 9; JETS 11; NHS 11; Officer 12; NJHS 9; Spanish Club 11, 12; **Brandon Grace**-Swimming 9, 10, 11; **Geoffrey Bryan Gronowski**-Baseball 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 11, 12; Choir 9.



Danyelle Gunn-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Flag Corps 11, 12; HERO 12; **Kathy Gutierrez**-Band 9; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; CPC 12; FEA 10; Gymnastics 9, 10; NJHS 9; Office Aide 12; Natural Helpers 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Track 9; **Jacqueline Harms**-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Powder Puff 10; SADD 10; Student Government 12; **Mike A. Harney**, **John Haro**-Choir 9; Football 9.



Mark Haro-Football 9; **Clarence J. Harris II**-Basketball 9, 10; Quest Club 9, 10, 11; **Paul T. Harris**-Basketball 9, 10; Tennis 10; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; **Darnieshia L. Henderson**-CPC 12; Newspaper 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Jodi Hendricks**-Builder's Club 9; Choir 9; Poms 9; Revue 11; Spanish Club 11.





Jennifer D. Herbert-Basketball 9, 10; CPC 12; German Club 10; NJHS 9; SADD 9; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11; **Karl Stephen Herr**-Band 9, 10; German Club 9, 10, 11; Student Government 10; Tennis 9, 10; **Dan Hidalgo**-Cross Country 9; Golf 9, 10; **Crystal L. Higgins**-Choir 9; Office Aide 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; **James Hinojosa**.

Melinda Hollandsworth-Builder's Club 8; Cheerleader 9, 10; Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; **Tori Hughes**-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 12; Choir 9; FEA 12; Quest Club 12; Track 9, 11, 12; **Sarah Hummel**-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11; Track Manager 10; **Abigail Igarta**-Class Officer 11; Environmental Committee 12; FEA 10; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Newspaper 9; Natural Helpers 11, 12; PNW 12; Prom Committee 11; Speech 10, 11, 12; SAC 11; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9; **Stevan Iglenzda**-German Club 10; NJHS 9, 10.

Tom Ilievski-Soccer 10, 12; **Ray L. Jackson-Revue** 12; **Jason Janiszewski**-Football 9; Swimming 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; **Julie Jewell**-CPC 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Student Government 9; **Derek Johnson**-Baseball 9; German Club 12.

Brian Jones-Office Aide 9, 11; Teacher's Aide 11; **Suzana Josifoska**-Powder Puff 11; Spanish Club 10; **Darrell Joselyn, Amy D. Judge, Lupce Kajmakoski**-German Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12.

Jim Karas-Choir 9; **Victor Karbowski, Jr.**-Band 9, 10; Football 9; **Joseph Kondracki**-Basketball 9; **Karen Kessler**-Glee Club 9; FEA 10; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Poems 9; Powder Puff 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Government 10; Teacher's Aide 12; **Jennifer Kings**-Choir 9; Fall Play 11; FEA 10; NJHS 9; Speech 11; Tennis 10; Thespians 11.

Kristen G. Kirn-Newspaper 11; Q and S 11; Officer 12; **Alison L. Klaubo**-RPA12; Teacher's Aide 11; **Lee M. Konice, Gordana Koroskoska**-FEA 12; NJHS 9; Student Government 10; **Tatiana L. Kostur**.

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Seniors

Jeff Krol-Basketball 9, 10; Football 9;
Student Government 9; **Jennifer Krol**-FEA 9,
10, 11; French Club 10; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10;
Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Revue 10; Student Government 9; **Matthew Kuzma**-Bend 9, 10; Key Club 9, 10; **Melissa Lagalo**-Choir 9, 10; French Club 9, 10; Office Aide 11, 12; Outreach Program 10; Track 10; **Jon Lambert**-Art Club 12; Environmental Club 11; Officer 12; German Club 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9; Student Government 11, 12.



Philip C. Langbehn-Art Club 12;
Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 12; **Kathryn Laver**-
Powder Puff 12; Office Aide 12; **Tim Laverty**-
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10; NHS 11, 12;
NJHS 9; Spanish Club 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12;
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; **Gil-Hwei Lee**-Academic
Decathlon Team 11, 12; German Club 10, 11, 12;
MCAT 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Orchestra 9, 10, 11,
12; Drama 10, 11; French Club 11; Science Olympiad
12; Speech 12; Spelling Bee 11; School SAC 12;
Student Government 10, 11, 12; SuperBowl 10, 11,
12; Tennis 9, 10; Yearbook Editor 9; **Brian J.
Lehr**-Newspaper 9; SADD 11; Officer 12; Student
Government 10, 11, 12; Track 9; Yearbook 9.



Tanya Lesniak, **James M. Lewis**-Baseball 9; **Margaret Liebenthal**-
Art Club 12; CPC12; Environmental Club 12; Fall Play
10; Outreach Program 10; PNN 12; SADD 10; Speech
10, 11; Student Government 10; Teacher's Aide 12;
WMHS 12; Yearbook 9; **Megan M. Lindsay**-
Art Club 12; Creative Writing Club Officer 12; Fall Play
12; Key Club 12; Poms 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 12; **Ja-
son Little**-Baseball 9, 10; Choir 9.



Stacey Marie Little-BPA 12, COE
12; Office Aide 9; Powder Puff 10; **Ricardo
Lopez, Jr.**-BPA 12; Wrestling 11; **Raymond
Lucero**-Baseball 9, 10; Cross Country 11; Football 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 11; Wrestling 9, 10, 11;
12; **David W. Mahaffey**-Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
NJHS 9; Wrestling 9, 10, 11; **Jennifer A.
Malocha**.



Alexander G. Marchuk-Office Aide
12; **Cary A. Martinez**-Games Club 10; **Shan-
non Mason**-Basketball 9; Builder's Club 9; Cheer-
leader 9, 10; Choir 9; Office Aide 11; Powder Puff 11,
12; Teacher's Aide 10; Tennis 9; **Stanley
Matunas**-Basketball 9; Choir 9; **Michelle R.
Mayers**-Choir 9, 11, 12; Poms 9, 10, 11, 12;
Powder Puff 10; Revue 12; Track 9; VocalTeens 12.



Tanya Nicole McCollum-Art Club
12; Choir 9; Office Aide 10; **Michael David
Menendez**-Art Club 9, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12;
Cheerleader 9, 10; Office Aide 12; Games Club 12;
Revue 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 12;
Jenny Metros-Basketball 9; Builders Club 9; Cheerleader 10; Choir 9; CPC 12; French Club 10, 11, 12; NHS 12; NJHS 9; Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 11; Student Government 11; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; **Pete Milak**, **Pero
Milev**-Soccer 11, 12.





Tom Milevski-Football 9; Science Club
Jeremy S. Miller-Football 9; German Club 10,
 NJHS 9; Office Aide 9; Student Government 12;
 Swimming 10. **Rachel M. Miller**, **Beth
 Minninger**-CPC 12; Choir 9; FEA 10, 12; Office Aide
 12; Poms 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Angela N.
 Mish**-cycling 9, 10, 11, 12; CPC 12; Choir 9, 10,
 11, 12; Homecoming Football Court 12; NJHS 9; Office
 Aide 11; Powder Puff 10, 12; Student Government 9, 10,
 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 10; Track 9; VocalTrens 12.

Matthew Mitchell-Football 9, 10, 11, 12;
 Track 11. **Alexandra Mitchell**-Powder Puff 10;
 Quest Club 11. **Diane Marie Mitchell**-CPC 12;
 Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Quest Club 10; SADD 10;
 Spanish Club 10; Teacher's Aide 12. **Christina
 Moffitt**-Builder's Club 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 10,
 11; Officer 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Speech 11; Teacher's
 Aide 12; VocalTrens 11, 12. **Lisa Moke**-FEA 10;
 Homecoming Basketball Court 10, 11; Newspaper 9;
 Poms 9; SADD 10; Teacher's Aide 12; Yearbook 9.

Brian Mola-Fall Play 12; FEA 10; JETS 10,
 MCATF 10, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Newspaper
 9; Revue 10; Spanish Club 12; Spring Play 12; SAC 10,
 12; Student Government Officer 9, 10, 12; Thespians 12;
 Video Yearbook 10. **Yearbook 9.** **April Lynn
 Mullins**-BPA 12; Office Aide 11; Powder Puff
 11. **Mario T. Munigua, Jr.**-CPC 12; Choir 9;
 Football 9, 12; Newspaper 9; Soccer 10; Teacher's Aide
 12. **Omberline Munurer**-Choir 12; FEA 12; French
 Club 12; PNN 12. **Kristian C. Mizur**.

WRITE ON TARGET



Determined is the word that best describes Sunnye Durham, '94. For the past two years she has been an active part of the school newspaper, *the Mirror*, and hopes to one day work for a magazine in some capacity.

"I hope to pursue any type of job in journalism. I like page editing. My ultimate goal is to be an editor, but I'm happy writing. If I'm poor and I'm writing . . . I'll have it good," says Durham, who has served as news, feature, and in-depth editor of *the Mirror* in her high school journalism career. She feels MHS has been important to her developing and preparing for college.

"I think it will be very impressive when colleges see I

graduated from MHS," continues Durham.

Durham is quite happy with the way her life is going, and has been for most of it. She admits to being moody sometimes, but says for the most part she is easy to get along with.

"People, I think, rub off on me a little, but only the good parts, the bad are mine," Durham says.

She considers herself unique because she was one of the first black students to attend a Merrillville elementary school. She is used to the differences between whites and blacks and has adapted to it. Durham feels she is no different than anyone else.

-by Tom Gayda

BIRTHDAY:
 AUGUST 7, 1976

FAVORITE MOVIE:
 STRAIGHT OUT
 OF BROOKLYN

FAVORITE FOOD:
 MIAMI SUBS

FAVORITE CAR:
 GEO TRACKER

FAVORITE ATHLETE:
 B.J. ARMSTRONG

**FAVORITE ATHLETE
 WITH AN ATTITUDE:**
 ANDRE AGASSI

**FAVORITE TV
 SHOW:**
 UNSOLVED
 MYSTERIES

Erin Patricia Murphy-Choir 10.
Sylvia Musikovski-Powder Puff 10; Quest Club 10; Spanish Club 10. **Jo Ann Myers**-Choir 9, 10; Fall Play 10; French Club 9; Key Club 11; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; FEA 10, 12; Poms 9; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; SADD 10. **Terrance M. Nerkum**-Baseball 9; CPC 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12.



Catherine Navarro-Class Officer 10; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Morning Announcer 10, 11; MCATF 10, 11; Newspaper 11; Editor 12; Outreach Program 11, 12; PNN 12; Q and S 11, 12; Revue 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Speech 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10; SAC 10; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Vocal/Trems 11, 12; WMHS 12. **David M. Nelson** - Kate Neskoski-Student Government 9; Sunshine Society 12. **Trajece Nescksi**-German Club 12; NHS 11, 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12. **Sara Katherine Nicholls**-Builder's Club 9; CPC 12; Choir 9; FEA 10; Poms 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Q and S 12; SADD 10; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 12.



Michael Niezgoda-CPC 12; Student Government 12; Teacher's Aide 12. **Sean O'Hara**-Creative Writing Club 9; Football 9, 10; Choir 9; Office Aide 11; Spanish Club 12. **Christopher O'Mara**-CPC 12; FEA 10; Choir 9; Student Government 10. **Tina Oaks**. **Julie Obetkovski**-NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Newspaper 10, 11; Editor 12; PNN 12; Q and S 10, Officer 11, 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11; WMHS 12; Yearbook 9.



BIRTHDATE:
OCTOBER 25, 1975

FAVORITE COLOR:
BLUE

FAVORITE FOOD:
McDONALD'S

FAVORITE GROUP:
CLUTCH

FAVORITE SINGER:
JAY ZOMBIE

FAVORITE SUBJECT:
SCIENCE

FAVORITE SPORT:
SKATEBOARDING;
SNOWBOARDING

FAVORITE SONG:
A SHOGUN
NAMED MARCUS

ON A NEW TRACK

As the popular trends of the 90's come and go, Brandon Grace, '94, sits back and watches wondering why "some people try so hard to be something they're not." Grace has found his own identity and has decided to stick with it, not worrying about the current fads. Actually, the unique style he chose a few years ago is now becoming quite popular.

Grace likes to go with the cool, laid back, new wave skater look. You can always find him in comfortable flannels, t-shirts, baggy pants, and groovy shoes. He knows his appearance is unique, especially his colorful hairstyle, but he doesn't mind. It's all part of his individual characteristics and fun personality. He knows who he is and that's enough. However, "a few of my peers have the wrong idea about me because of my appearance

and supposed past. I just want them to know. I'm a true supporter of Red Ribbon Week."

Grace has a wide range of talents which include skateboarding, snowboarding, swimming, singing, and playing in a band named "Elvis in Wonderland." Grace is very independent and is not afraid to turn his words into actions. He feels that "you need to stand up for what you believe in, or don't believe at all."

Grace's short term goal is for "Elvis in Wonderland" to be successful, and he will contribute as much as possible to make this happen. He plans to go to college after graduation and pursue success in whichever career he chooses. Grace wants the world to be a better place and hopes "that the people who need to open their eyes will."

-by Sara Nicholls





Maxel Ochoa-NHS 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11; **Steven Oh**-Basketball & NHS Officer 11, 12; **Najib S.** Soccer 11; Spanish Club 11; Student Government 10; **Jason J. Oleszek**, **Erik Olson**-Fall Play 12; German Club 10, 12; MCATT 12; NJHS 9, 10; Speech 12; Spring Play 10, 12; SAC 10, 12; Thespians 10, 11, 12; **Wanda Olvera**-Cheerleader 9; FEA 10; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Newspaper 9; Poms 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12.



Monica Sylvia Origel-Buller's Club 9; Cheerleader 9, 11, 12; Choir 9; FEA 10; Homecoming Football Court 12; Homecoming Basketball Queen 11; MCATT 11; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Prom Queen 11; Revue 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 11; Teacher's Aide 11; **Anthony Origel**-Basketball 9; Basketball 10; Football 9, 12; Student Government 10; Football 9, 12; **Alejandra Ortiz**, **Bryan Osborne**-Football 10, 11; HERO 12; **Keith Osborne**.



Stephanie M. Pagel-FEA 10; French Club 10, 11; NJHS 9; Office Aide 12; Poms 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; SADD 10; **Willie S. Parker**, **Ben Parrish**-Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; **Sarah B. Parrish**-Cheerleader 9; Choir 9; FEA 12; Gymnastics 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; **Sharon A. Pavnic**-choir 9; Office Aide 10, 12; Powder Puff 12.



Stacy M. Peek-BPA 12; Choir 9; Teacher's Aide 11; **Donald Peirick**, **Maria A. Peiuyaera**-BPA 12; Poms 9; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; **Melissa L. Peterson**-Environmental Club 12; Student Government 12; Sunshine Society 12; **Brian Petyo**-Basketball 9; Teacher's Aide 11, 12.



Robin R. Phillips-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Revue 10, 12; Spring Play 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9; Football 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Newspaper 9; Spanish Club 11; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Yearbook 9; **Joseph Plaza**-Games Club 10, 12; **Christine M. Pozgay**-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 12; PNN 12; Revue 12; Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; **Anastasia Praschak**-Band 9, 10, 11; HERO 12.



Michael A. Pratscher-Class Officer 10-12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Announcer 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10, 11, 12; Revue 12; Speech 11; Office 12; Spring Play 12; Student Government 11, 12; Yearbook 9; **Mitzli Pratt**-Office Aide 9, 10, 11; Teacher's Aide 11; **Paul E. Puskar**-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; **Justin T. Rausch**-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Announcer 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Powder Puff 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10; Student Government 9; Track 11; **Krista A. Richardson**-German Club 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Powder Puff 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10.

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Seniors

Kristina N. Riese- Cheerleader 9; NHS 9, 10; pom-pom 10, 11; captain FEA 10, 11; NHS 11; Student Government 11; **Alison S. Ries-** Band 9, 10, 11; FEA 9; German Club 9, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Powder Puff 12; Revue 12; Student Government 9, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11; Wrestling Manager 9, 10; **Claudia Rodriguez-**

Kathy Rodriguez-FHA 11; Officer 12; HERO 12; Choir 9; Outreach Program 10, 11; Powder Puff 11; Swimming 10; **Christopher Rhoder-**German Club 10.



Vanessa Roldan, Fernanda
Romero-FEA 12; French Club 12; PNN 12; Spanish Club 12; WMHS 12; **Ronica Rose**-CPC 12; French Club 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; **Frank Rossman**-NHS 11, 12; **Brian Ruschak**-Golf 9, 10; Student Government 10; Teacher's Aide 12.

Cheryl A. Santos-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9, 10; **Dana Schlinger**-Environmental Club 10; German Club 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 12; Student Government 12; Sunshine Committee 12; Volleyball 9; **Dawn Schneider**-HERO 12; Outreach Program 10, 11; **Jason Schneider**-Academic Decathlon 9; Art Club 10; **Becky Lynn Schreiber**-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; FEA 9; German Club 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Basketball 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Officer 12; Swimming 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Track 9, 10, 11; VocalTeens 11, 12.

Patrick Schultz-Basketball 9; Basketball 9, 10; CPC 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9; Student Government 11; Track 11; Unified Basketball 11; **Ryan K. Selberling**-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11, 12; FEA 10; Newspaper 9; Rethinking Committee 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 11; Speech 11, 12; Spring Play 10, 12; SAC 10, 11, 12; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Thespians 10; Officer 11, 12; Video Yearbook 10; Yearbook 9; **Koni Lynn Seifert**-German Club 10; **Hero 12**; Powder Puff 11; **John J. Sell II**-Band 9; JETS 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9; Student Government 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; **Jennifer J. Shaffer**-Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; QuizBowl 11, 12; Spring Play 9; Student Government 12; SuperBowl 11, 12.



Benjamin F. Shapley-Basketball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Newspaper 9; Student Government 10, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; **Ryan Shelton**-Art Club 9, 12; Baseball 9; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10, 12; SAC 10, 11, 12; **Daniel J. Shih**-Baseball 9; Football 11, 12; **Kelly R. Siecker**. **Kimberly Simpson**-Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Trainer 10, 11, 12.



Harry A. Sims-Basketball 9; Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Student Government 10; Tennis 9, 10, 11; VocalTeens 10, 11, 12; **Diane Sitrinowski**-Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10; **Staci Skurz**-Gymnastics 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 9, 11, 12; Office Aide 12; Outreach Program 10; Poms 11; Powder Puff 12; Q and S 11; Officer 12; Speech 12; Tennis 10; Yearbook 9; **Alan Slade**-German club 10, 11, 12; JETS 12; **Brian Smith**.





Gregory T. Smith-Baseball 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; NJHS 9; Track 11; Wrestling 9. **Jennifer Smith**-Builder's Club 9; German Club 12; Powder Puff 12; SADD 10, 11; Officer 12; Student Government 9, 10, 11, 12; Sunshine Society 10, 11, Officer 12; Teacher's Aide 10, 12. **Amanda Snover**-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Track 10. **Jennifer Snowdin**-Choir 9; Office Aide 12. **Eddie Sobh**-Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; SAC12; Student Government 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12.



Valerie Solon-FEA 12; FHA 11; News-paper 9, 12; Student Government 11, 12; Yearbook Editor 9. **Tim Sokpo**-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11; Quiz/Bowl 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 10, 11, 12. **Amy Nicole Soroczyck**-Powder Puff 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12. **Valerie Sparks**-Powder Puff 10. **Christina Stamate**.



Heather Stamate-FEA 12; French Club 9, 10, 11, Officer 12; NJHS 9; Swimming 10, 11, 12. **Chris J. Stark**, **Elizabeth Stefanoski**. **Michael W. Stilley**-Baseball 9, 10; Office Aide 12. **Rebecca L. Stinnett**-Choir 9; Powder Puff 12; Swimming 10; Trainer 10, 11, 12.



Nick Stojaslavjievich-German Club 12. **Kimberly Stout**-Choir 9; Office Aide 10; Teacher's Aide 12. **John Sut**-PNN 12; Swimming 10. **Jason Swigon**-Football 9. **Laura Terek**-Poms 9.



Leandra Thames-Choir 9, 10. **Lakesheeha L. Thomas**-BPA 11, 12. **Daniel Patrick Titus**-Football 9; Football 11; Office Aide 12. **Margaret M. Toledo**, **Rachel V. Torres**-Basketball 9, 11, Debate 10, Officer 11, 12; Flag Corps 12; Morning Announcer 11, MCATF 11, 12; Newspaper 9; PNN 12; Q and S 12; Revue 12; Speech 11, 12; SpellBowl 9, 10; Student Government 10, 12; Volleyball 9, 10; WMHS 12; Yearbook 12.



Alex C. Trajkov, **Julie Trajkovski**-Key Club 11; Choir 9. **Ianne Transfiguracione**-Fall Play 12; MCATF 12; NHS 12; NJHS 9, 10; Powder Puff 12; Tennis 9, 10. **Chong Ming Tsang**. **Jessica L. Uribe**.

Amy Valentine-Basketball 9; HERO
12; Track 9, 10 **Anthony J. Vasallo**-Environment Club 11, Officer 12; Football 9; Gemini Club 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, Student Government 11, 12; Erick Vertucci-Football 9; Student Government 12 **Amber Vestal**-Powder Puff 12, Teacher's Aide 12; Volleyball 9. **Carl A. Virgo**.



Wilfred L.U. Vivo-Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Football 9; MCATF 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10, Spring Play 10; Revue 11, 12; SAC 12; Student Government 10, Officer 11, 12; VocalTeens 10, 11, 12 **Dale Vode-Class** Officer 12; CPC 12; Natural Helpers 11, 12; Spanish Club 11, 12; SAC 12; Student Government 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12 **Larry Wade, Anthony J. Walla, Dina M. Wels**-Class Officer 11; Choir 9, 10, 11; Newspaper 11, Editor 12; Outreach Program 10, PNN 12; Q and S 11, 12; Revue 11; Spanish Club 11; Speech 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 10; Student Government 11, 12; Swimming 12.



Sandra L. Weliczko-Band 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Powder Puff 2; Quest Club 10; Softball 10, 11; Teacher's Aide 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11 **Krista West**-Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Fall Play 11; German Club 10; Revue 11; Track 10, 11, 12 **Chris Wilkerson**-Band 9; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11 **Lavetta L. Williams**-BPA 11, 12; CPC 12; Marquis Williams.



Rebecca Williams-Football Manager 11; Student Government 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; Wrestling Manager 10 **Deric Wilson**-Soccer 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 10 **Andrea S. Wirtz**-Art Club 12; CPC 12; Environmental Club 12; Fall Play 10; Newspaper 9; Outreach Program 10, 11; PNN 12; Powder Puff 12; Q and S 12; Speech 10, 11; SAC 12; Student Government 9, 11, 12; Track 10, 11; WMHS 12; Yearbook 9. **Patilia A-Nita Woods**-CPC 12; Speech 9, 10, 11, 12; **Rebecca L. Yager**-Cheerleading 9; Pom 10, 11; Choir 9



Erin Yeoman-Band 9; Cheerleader 9; Cross Country 10, 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Teacher's Aide 12 **Tina Yunichko**-CPC 12; Choir 10, 11, 12; Drama 11, 12; Drama Critique 11, 12; Q and S 12; Revue 11, 12; SpellBowl 10, 11, 12; Spring Play 12; SuperBowl 10, 11, 12; Teacher's Aide 11, 12; VocalTeens 11, 12; Yearbook 12 **Robert Zamora**-Basketball 9; Track 9 **Carrie Zapinsky**-Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 9; Powder Puff 10; Revue 10, 11, 12; Softball 9; Track 11; Volleyball 9, 10. **Frank Zarakas**-Band 9.



Activity Abbreviations

BPA Business Professionals of America
CPC Commencement Planning Committee
FEA Future Educators of America
FHA Future Homemakers of America
MCATF Multi-Cultural Awareness Task Force
NHS National Honor Society

NJHS National Junior Honor Society
PNN Pirate News Network
Q and S Quill and Scroll
SAC Student Advisory Council
SADD Students Against Driving Drunk
WMHS Broadcasting Club

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Darrell T. Artka
 Arturo Blanco
 Julian Bond
 Shannon L. Bondra-Literary Magazine 10; Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Office Aide 11; PNN 10; Q and S 12; WMHS 12; Yearbook 10, 11, 12.
 Christopher D. Brown-Basketball 9; Football 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Nicole L. Brown
 Anthony Buonomo
 Lavon Chandler
 Leslie Chandler-Swimming 10; Track 9, 10, 11.
 Chester Cochran
 Stephanie Cole-HERO 12; Teacher's Aide 10.
 David Danford
 Merla R. DeYoung
 Joyce A. Eichensehr
 Gerald S. Elenz-Football 9; SADD 10.
 Jennifer Fankhauser
 Tony Anthony Gargano
 Eva Gawrys-Office Aide 10, 11.
 Jose Gonzalez
 Eric Guerrero
 Rudy Gutierrez
 Thomas A. Haas
 Veldie L. Hubbard
 Chad Hunke

Grant Jenkins-Football 9.
 Kara Kienzynski-HERO 11.
 Ryan L. Kirk
 Charles J. Krueger
 Justin LaPlante
 Ashley Lake
 Victor Lopez-Basketball 10, 11, 12; Class Officer 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9.
 Justin S. Lyons
 Janice Mayer-HERO 11, 12; Office Aide 12.
 Agnieszka Mochon-BPA 12; Office Aide 12; Powder Puff 12.
 Colleen C. Murphy
 Kyle Nagy
 Kimberly O'Neal
 Julie Ornelas
 Violeta Pecoski
 Sean Perry
 Anne Piske
 Jenika Redding
 Andrew Reyna
 Rosita L. Reyna-Poms 9.
 Christina Robelia
 Shawn Rodriguez
 Joanne Samuel-Academic Decathlon 11, 12; Art Club 12; Key Club 10, Officer 11; MCATF 10, 11, 12; Quiz Bowl 11, 12; Revue 10, 11; Science Olympiad 11, 12; Spanish Club 10, 11, 12; Speech 9, 10, 11, 12; Spell Bowl 11, 12; SAC 12; Super Bowl 12.

Manjula S. Samuel-Academic Decathlon 12; Creative Writing Club 10; Key Club 6, 10; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; Revue 10, 11; Science Olympiad 12; Spanish Club 10, 11; Speech 9, 10, 11, 12; Super Bowl 11, 12.
 Michael Alan Schmid
 Byron M. Shea-German Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; JETS 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; NJHS 9, 10; SAC 9.
 Eric C. Sheridan
 Brian Shultz-Games Club 10, 11, 12; Plantarium Aide 9, 12.
 Nicole M. Spurgeon
 Lisa Stanchina-FHS 11; HERO 12; Choir 9.
 Kaci M. Stephens
 Kenneth Swan-Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12.
 Brandy L. Swisher
 Chakeba C. Tindal
 Cornell Tucker-Track 9, 10, 11.
 Christopher VanTil
 Aaron D. Vanderwarf-Teacher's Aide 12.
 Cory D. Veal
 Latrice Washington-HERO 12.
 Stephanie Washington-Band 10, 11; Drama 10; Swimming 9.
 Robert J. Watson-Office Aide 9, 12; Spring Play 9; Unified Basketball 9, 10, 11.

CHEERS TO ALL

She's friendly, she's funny, she's outgoing. She's a "people-person." She's Kimberly Sue Gutierrez '94.

Much of Gutierrez's time is devoted to her family, friends, and boyfriend. She is a varsity cheerleader, and she used to participate in gymnastics. She says, "I like gymnastics, and I'm still friends with my old team. I try to make it to some of the meets to cheer them on."

In school and at home, Gutierrez is always trying to cheer people up and "make them laugh." Everything seems better if you're laughing. Her friends say that "she can find humor in any situation, but she also knows

when to be serious. She's easy to get along with that way!"

As far as special talents are concerned, Gutierrez feels that hers are "talking and laughing." Her friends definitely agree.

After high school Gutierrez plans to attend Purdue University in West Lafayette. Her family believes that she could make it as a comedian, but she doesn't agree. "I think it's more of what I do and how I act, not what I say. Sometimes I don't try to be funny, but people laugh. I don't let it bother me though, I guess they're laughing with me, not at me!" -by Sara Nicholls



Farabaugh Photo

BIRTHDAY:
 SEPT. 13, 1975

FAVORITE COLOR:
 BLUE

FAVORITE FOOD:
 ANYTHING

FAVORITE MOVIE:
 BEACHES

FAVORITE SONG:
 SPACEBOY

FAVORITE GROUP:
 SMASHING PUMPKINS

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
 HOME IMPROVEMENT

FAVORITE SPORT:
 BASEBALL

BUSTIN' A MOVE,
Cheryl Santos, '94, and
her father enjoy an
evening at the
Mommy-Daddy Date
night. The HERO class
sponsored the annual
event this year.



Bosenbork photo

BIRTHDAY:
JULY 8, 1976

FAVORITE GROUP:
SMASHING PUMPKINS

FAVORITE SONG:
18 & LIFE

FAVORITE SPORT:
TRACK

FAVORITE MOVIE:
THE LOST BOYS

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

FAVORITE FOOD:
PIZZA

HAPPY TO BE HERE

As you walk down the hallways of MHS, a sweet smile stands out in the crowd. With that sweet smile comes a shining personality, and an easy going person with a great sense of humor. A person you can count on for anything. Jenny Herbert is that person, who came here from a small school her freshmen year, attending Pierce Junior High. Herbert is an outgoing person involved in track and basketball. When it comes to academics, Herbert's interest is in classes such as math analysis, advance composition, ceramics, and physics.

Herbert feels that it is important to keep academic and sports life separate because, "If you mix the two, your grades drop and so does your playing

ability. It makes it too hard to mix the two."

Academics are important to Herbert because "my academics are the most important thing to me. Without good grades I won't get into college. I feel that academics should always come first."

Sports also mean a lot to Herbert. She enjoys basketball and track. "I love basketball because it's fast paced and physical, where track is an individual sport. I'm the one who wins or loses it," says Herbert.

After high school she plans to go to Indiana University and go into physical therapy. Her senior year is important to her, and she would like to be remembered for as "Someone who gets along with everyone."

• by Michelle Borman





GOING FOR THE GOLD,
Geoff Gronowski, '94,
prepares to shoot
during the homecom-
ing game. This year's
theme was "Dice the
Slicers."



ANDREA WIRTZ, MEG
Liebenthal, and Jon
Lambert, all '94, visit
with each other
outside of Pierce
Middle School prior to
the Spirit Week's
annual powder puff
football game and
pep rally.

TIFFANY ALBEE, '94, WAS
crowned queen right
after Sean O'Hara, '94,
was named the senior
guy with the hottest
legs.



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PARENTS' NIGHT NOT
only brought out the
football player's
parents, but trainer
Robin Phillips, '94, also
was honored prior to
the MHS vs. Chesterton
football game on
September 3.

Rowe photo

PRACTICING FOR THE
concert, Jody Balcerak,
'94, and Brian Phillips,
'97, go over their lines in
the choir's Christmas
production of 'One
Magic Christmas.'
Balcerak and Phillips
both are members of
the choir's Vocalteens.



Evans photo

BIRTHDAY:
OCT. 26, 1976

**FAVORITE
COLOR:**
RED

**FAVORITE
SPORTS TEAM:**
WHITE SOX

**FAVORITE
SINGER:**
ELVIS PRESLEY

**FAVORITE
MUSICAL
GROUP:**
THE WHO

**FAVORITE
ATHLETE:**
CARLTON FISK

THE KING IS DEAD?

Opinionated, outgoing, and humorous are just a few words that can describe Erick Vertucci, '94. Vertucci, as diversified as anyone, is more than meets the eye.

Vertucci transferred to the Merrillville School System in the ninth grade from Hammond. Due to the different age requirements at Hammond, he is as much as a year younger than many of his fellow seniors.

The 50's, 60's, and 70's have had a huge influence over Vertucci. "Elvis was the King," he says about his favorite singer, Elvis Presley. Also coming from the three decades are his favorite group, The Who, and his favorite movie, *Rebel Without a Cause*.

In his spare time Vertucci enjoys mountain biking, fishing and watching old movies from the 50's. A huge White Sox fan, he also enjoys sports, football being his favorite. The legendary Carlton Fisk is his favorite sports figure.

Vertucci has set his sights high for the future, literally. His plans after high school include either enlisting in the Air Force or attending college. He hopes to study marine biology or dentistry as a career choice.

During his classes Vertucci often makes comedic remarks about what is going on, and he admits that he is often the only one to laugh at them.

-by Tom Gayda





Farabaugh photo

ATTENDING PROM
was definitely an experience for exchange student Agnes Mochon, '94. Mochon from Poland, along with Fernanda Romero from Ecuador, and Ombeline Munier from France, all had the chance to try out life in the U.S. for a while.

IT'S WORTH IT
to Robin Phillips, '94, as she accepts her diploma from Dr. Anthony Lux. Lux presented the diplomas due to Dr. Robert Schrenker's unavoidable absence.



LEADER ON THE LOOSE



Her resilient smile, and friendly laugh can be seen and heard all over the halls of MHS. Her name is Abigail Igarta, but she prefers to be called Abbie. Since she is involved in many activities here, she is known by many as a friend. Igarta is a senior, and some of the activities that are important to her have included Student Government, Speech team, and National Honor Society.

Igarta considers her best qualities to be, "My honesty and my sensitivity, because they enable me to relate well to others' feelings."

"I'm the daughter of very strict Philippine born parents, who pressure me very much when it comes to being the very best." Her Americanized ideals differ greatly from those of her parents', and sometimes cause conflicts.

In her free time, Igarta likes to

play the piano to relieve stress, sing, read poetry, and be with her friends, because she is such a people-person.

Igarta's favorite teacher is Max Hutchison, math teacher, because "he is the first math teacher who really challenged me." She was especially motivated in his class because, as she says, "he would embarrass me, and make me feel crunchy in front of the class, so I wanted to be right so he couldn't."

Another teacher who has been very influential in Igarta's life overall is Mike Zolfo. Zolfo "has not only been my teacher, coach, and class sponsor, but he has also been my friend. He taught me how to get to know myself, and that disappointment builds character. Well, boy, I guess that I must have a lot of character now!!!" finishes Igarta.

—by Rachel Torres

BIRTHDAY:
JULY 19, 1976

FAVORITE COLOR:
NAVY BLUE

FAVORITE FOOD:
CHINESE

FAVORITE MOVIE:
BODYGUARD

FAVORITE PERFORMER:
WHITNEY HOUSTON

FAVORITE SPORT:
BASKETBALL

1995

Juniors

Judy Adams
Michael Adams
Thad Agee
Kimberly Anderson
Jamie Aubin
Erica Azpeltia
Draga Babic



Eric Baden
Manica Baez
Travis Bainbridge
Robert Baldazo
Samuel Barnett
Daun Bartick
Jamie Bartochawski



Jamie Bartz
John Beckwith
David Beller
Jason Berk
Bradford Bernard
Jennifer Bewley
Frances Biancarri



Brian Bice
Vanessa Bielawski
Eric Black
Chennetta Blacknell
Cheslie Blackwell
Jaime Blanca
Stephen Bobos



Shelly Boedecker
Thomas Bolden
Stacey Bandra
Danny Barman
Kellie Bosenbar
Danny Boyd
Michelle Braden



Melissa Breedon
Steven Breedon
Richard Brodner
Yolanda Brown
Sara Bruner
Dawn Buchner
Gina Budzevski

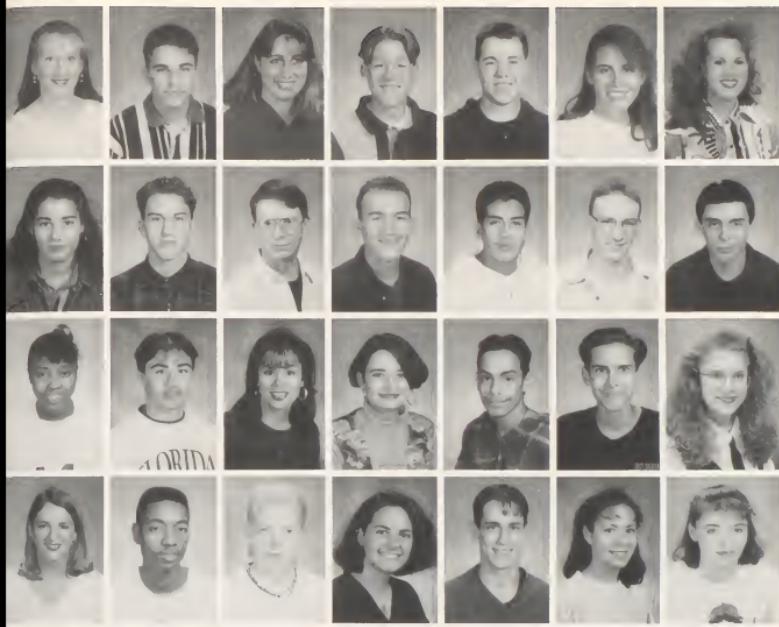


Shannan Bukovac
Jamie Buncich
Kathleen Cannon
Tina Castellano
Christina Celakaski
Jason Chandler
Jamie Childress



Micheal Churilla
Steve Cichy
Mike Clark
Jerry Coates
Warren Canner
Angela Corea
Samantha Carrigan





Kelly Coughlin
Adam Creasbaum
Nicole Cross
Eric Culp
Michael Curiel
Amy Cyphert
Jennifer Dainton

Daniela Danjanoski
James Daniels
Robert Daumer
Albert Davila
Benjamin De Leon
Kevin De Young
Jesus Del Real

Kellee Derico
Milan Dezelich
Summer Dicken
Lisa Dimitroff
Jeffrey Dobbs
Kyle Dobiecki
Melissa Dobis

Kari Dombrowsky
Orley Dosslema
Jonathan Drake
Jennifer Duplaga
Ryan Dykstra
Delidre Elizondo
Angela Elliott

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER



Geruska Photo

At least that's the way Mike Churilla, '95, thinks about transferring from Andrean to MHS. The change he made would be a difficult one for most, but some of the reasons Churilla moved made it a little easier to do. His move to MHS was more a move away from Andrean.

After attending the predominantly Catholic school for two years, and wanting to leave for one of them, Churilla finally thought it was time. Churilla was attracted to MHS initially because of its athletic program. Through junior high he was a dominant basketball player, and he was recruited by Andrean's coaches. As a freshman, he competed at the varsity level only in track, but he was preparing for playing both football and basketball the next year. When the next year showed up, Churilla wasn't playing as he thought he would. He attributes the reason he didn't play to the fact that the school's sports system was run politically.

He might have had the ability, but apparently he didn't have the name. He moved to MHS in hopes of having a fair chance of making some of the sports teams, even though IHSAA laws will force him to forfeit varsity eligibility for one year because of the transfer. He is now in the process of appealing the law.

Athletics, however, wasn't the only reason he wanted to change schools. He said the real reason was, "I thought [MHS] would be a better school academically," and that, "Andrean was run-down, and Merrillville had better facilities."

The hardest part about leaving Andrean was leaving his friends behind. But, friends were some of the things that drew him to Merrillville. A lot of kids he went to grade school with are now at MHS, so when Mike transferred he really wasn't the "new kid." He feels that he really fits into the way things work at Merrillville High School.

- by Jon Rowe

BIRTHDAY:
MAY 9, 1976

FAVORITE MUSIC GROUP:
PEARL JAM

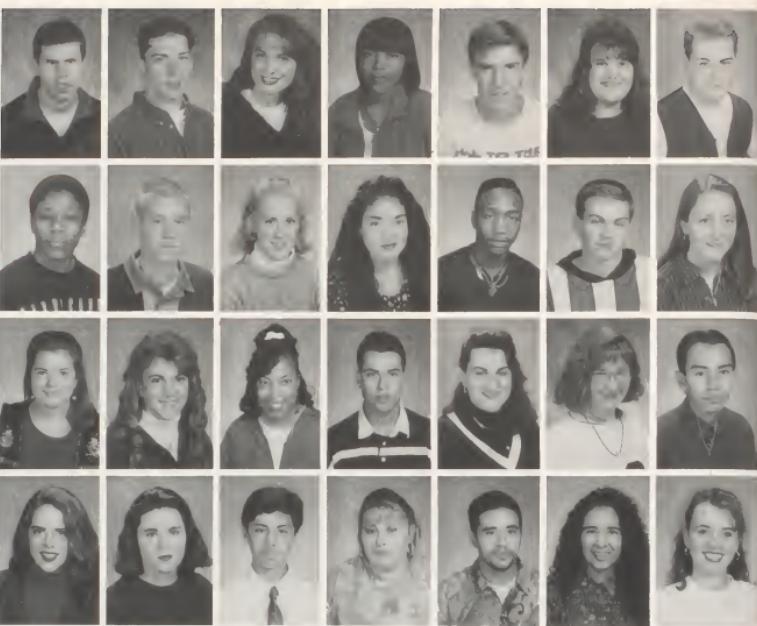
FAVORITE MOVIE:
STAR WARS

FAVORITE CLASS:
LUNCH

FAVORITE SPORT:
TRACK

FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER:
MARVIN THE MARTIAN

Matt Ellis
Kevin Emry
Yvonne Escott
Teletia Ezell
Jason Faldzinski
Jaime Farin
Patrick Farabaugh



BIRTHDAY:
JULY 29, 1977

FAVORITE COLOR:
GREEN

FAVORITE FOOD:
SPAGHETTI

FAVORITE SONG:
ALWAYS AND
FOREVER

FAVORITE SPORT:
BASKETBALL

FAVORITE HOBBY:
PIANO

FAVORITE TV
SHOW:
FRESH PRINCE

FAVORITE MOVIE:
POETIC JUSTICE

PLAYING AROUND FOR FUN

As you walk down a certain street in the Turkey Creek subdivision, you are able to hear the sound of beautiful, flowing music. Who's house are you passing? Samantha Corrigan's, '95. She has been playing the piano since she was seven years-old and travels to Hammond once a week for lessons.

Corrigan played in last year's Revue, won a gold in the ISSMA solo contest in junior high, and has played at the Radisson Star Plaza.

Corrigan comes from a large family and has four sets of grandparents! Her immediate family consists of her mother, step-father, and two brothers, Brian, 21 years-old, and

Alexander, 5 months.

Corrigan is also very athletic, although she does not participate in a particular sport. She loves to run and went to conditioning for cross country so that she had more of an opportunity to do so. Corrigan went out for the tennis team and is very excited about the upcoming season.

Corrigan is a die-hard Notre Dame fan and has enjoyed going to a few games. She also loves cats and has a male cat named Spaz. Corrigan is an extremely cheerful person with a wonderful personality. Her smile could brighten anyone's day, and she is able to make almost anybody laugh. -by Susan Frenchik





Tommy Gasperson
Amy Geruska
Heather Gilbert
Denise Gilbey
Lena Gillilan
Jessica Gnemi
Charles Goin



Cheryl Gonzalez
Gloria Gonzalez
Jennifer Gonzalez
Pamela Good
Amanda Gordon
Daryl Gordon
Gordana Gorgijovski



Melanie Gotch
David Greenberg
Lawrence Griffith
Michael Guemessey
Valerie Gutjahr
Irene Halkias
Melissa Ann Hall



Cheryl Hamilton
Angela Harris
Johnita Harris
Marcus Harris
Melinda Hatfield
Kelly Hegedus
Jason Heine



Carrie Heitmann
Brian Hepburn
Nicole Hiatt
A'Rhonda Hickerson
Jessica Hodges
Christine Hodgetts
Brian Hogan



Laura Hosfeld
Tina Huffman
Joseph Hussey
Mark Hytek
Beth Irby
Rhonda Jackson
Erin Janovsky



Jeff Japkowski
Christopher Jensen
Cheryl John
David Jones
Jeanette Jones
Mark Jones
Michelle Jones



John Kadelak
Anita Kajmakoski
Cvetlana Kajmakoski
Sarah Kendrick
Kimberly Kenney
Jason Kester
Angela Kilgore

1995
Juniors

Damien Kirk
Brad Klevickas
Jason Knight
Bradley Kosac
Colleen Kosmatka
Suzana Kostur
Mark Kratkoczik



Steve Krstevski
Trenton Krueger
Caryn Kyra
Andrew Kurowski
Christopher La Rue
Richard Lahart
Erin Lain



James Lash
Angel Le Loup
Shan-Hwei Lee
Jeffery Leeper
Daniel Leka
Michelle Lenart
Mark Lengyel



Tom Lepp
Matt Lesnick
Keith Lester
Pherren Lewis
Philip Lewis
Paul Lukos
John Lindsey



BIRTHDAY:
FEB. 20, 1977

FAVORITE COLOR:
PURPLE

FAVORITE FOOD:
PIZZA

FAVORITE ACTIVITIES:
VISITING FRIENDS
AND TRAVELING

SELF-DESCRIPTION:
"I'M USUALLY
A HAPPY
OUTSPOKEN PERSON. I GUESS
YOU COULD CALL
ME A PERFECTIONIST. OH,
I'M ALWAYS
PUNCTUAL."

TIME TO DEBATE THE ISSUES

The alarm goes off at six o'clock and the race has begun. This is the start of yet another busy day for LaToya Francis. From fixing her hair before school to debate practice after sixth period, Francis is probably one of the most interesting students at MHS.

Francis just may be one of the more verbal students here. By talking to her, a person may get the impression that she is outspoken. Surprise! That is no impression. That's reality! "I know I speak my mind freely. I think it helps people understand who the real LaToya Francis is," explains Francis.

When it comes to school, Francis is a top notch student. English teacher, Barbara Koby said, "LaToya Francis is one of the most

outgoing students I have. She is always prepared and really seems to have fun in my class."

After school it is time for Francis to go to debate practice. Here she can be found working with Nicole May, the debate coach, trying to dig up information or research facts that support her opinion. "It's true. Debate does take up most of my time, but when you get down to it, it's worth it," says Francis.

People come and people go, some go unnoticed while others definitely stand out in the crowd. Francis's personality and opinions definitely make her one of those who have made a difference at Merrillville High School.

- by Patrick Farabaugh



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Sara Litty
Sarah Lockhart
Joseph Loehmer
Kristin Lucia
Anthony Lux
Richard Lyons
Bernardo Madrinan



Jeremy Malden
Bianca Malave
Nanette Malerich
Brian Maness
Manning Jason Marais
Cassandra Marsh



Christopher Martino
Tonya Mateneo
Emmanuel McCann
Corey Mc Dermott
Kevin McGee
Kevin Mc Kay
Rickey Mc Millan



Kevin Mehay
Beff Meissler
Philip Mendoza
Karl Meyer
Michael Mikesell
Curtis Minchuk
Michael Mitrevski



Lori Modglin
Scott Molchan
Megan Moloney
Denise Moody
Ralph Morales
Leslie Mote
Lawrence Murphy



Dusko Musikovski
Matthew Navarro
Katarina Nedeljkovic
Riste Niceski
Erin Niles
Claude Nix
Paulliny Nolasco



Kosta Nuses
Kirche Obetkovski
Robert Olejniczak
Mandy Olejnik
Joy Oliver
Kirstin Olson
Nick Orlich



Ben Oregon
Alexander Ortiz
Vera Ostojic
Jason Owen
Tyson Owen
Nancy Packowski
Kathryn Pahl

1995
Juniors

Roshanta Parker
Tracy Parker
Ryan Parlock
Mary Parsons
Dessa Pavichevich
Lucinda Paz
Raymond Paz



Diandra Peck
Shelley Penzato
Quwendolyn Perkins
Mary Perosky
Eric Peterson
Steven Peterson
Pavle Petrovski



Elizabeth Piazza
Amy Picard
Dionne Plasencia
Melissa Polen
Daniel Price
Jennifer Rachford
Kathleen Rais



Danielle Ramirez
Eric Randolph
Jennifer Randolph
Tom Rattray
Kristopher Reberg
Ryan Reithel
Leann Richmond



Tricia Rietman
Van Ristovski
Sidney Rivera
Kimmerly Robinson
Aleisha Rodriguez
Christopher Rodriguez
Luciana Rodriguez



Ryan Rongers
Brian Rose
Jeff Rosko
Lindsay Roth
Jonathon Rowe
Ernesto Santos
Jason Savich



Kevin Schafer
Mark Schwinn
Lauren Scott
Matt Sell
Kristi Settembrini
Heather Seward
Samantha Sherwood



John Shores
Jonathon Shultz
Thomas Shultz
George Sievers
Elizabeth Simunic
Kevin Smith
Latasha Smith





Kristen Sommers
Jimmy Sofroski
Jennifer Spitz
Jodi Springman
Nicole St. Germain
Sarah Stage
Wesley Starick

Richard Staszinski
Renata Stefanaski
Melissa Stelter
Donna Stojasavljevich
Kristin Strawhun
Robin Stupar
Carrie Sullivan

Tina Sunny
Jason Surdzial
Jeannette Svitko
Justin Swartzenbruber
Steven Sztot
Lara Tamalunas
Vesna Tanaskoski

Chad Tary
Rebecca Thielling
Michael Thien
Kenorshereia Thompson
Valentina Todorska
Christopher Tomko
Karen Tremmel

LIVING LIFE WITH ATTITUDE

She's the kid who is always the class clown, the kid who sits in the back row who has an attitude that nobody is going to mess with, and the person who is always responsible but can have fun at the same time. A'Rhonda Hickerson, '95, is one of those personalities with an attitude that make MHS diverse. She does what any typical high school student would do, but what she does, she does with an attitude.

Hickerson was born on September 16, 1977. "The attitude comes with the birthday," she says. When Hickerson steps on the bus, it begins. She says, "I get grouchy and stay grouchy until the music wakes me up." She listens to the music the bus driver plays, and that gets her back to normal.

When she hangs out with her friends, she says that they like to "be legit." She and her friends

also like to "jive on each other." When Hickerson has had enough though, she raises a hand as if to say STOP and says, "You're dismissed."

If there is anything that Hickerson misses the most at home, it is her brother, '93 graduate Antwad. He recently left for college in Iowa, and she misses "messing with him," she says. Hickerson says, "I love him very much and I can't wait to go and see him because I haven't seen him since he left. The only thing that I won't do is cry. I did that the day he left for college."

Hickerson also plans on going to college far away, probably in Maryland. She wants to study to become a veterinarian. When she graduates, she wants to be remembered "by my height, my down-to-earth personality, and the fact that my locker never opened." -by Tina Yurechko

BIRTHDAY:
SEPT. 16, 1997

EYES:
BROWN

HAIR:
BROWN

FAVORITE FOOD:
FISH

FAVORITE COLOR:
RED, BLACK,
WHITE

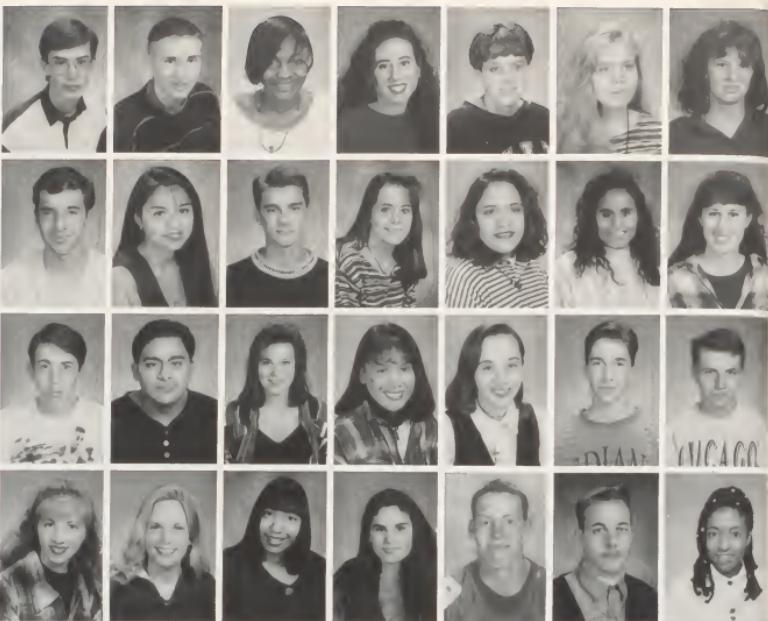
FAVORITE MUSIC:
RAP AND R&B

FAVORITE TEACHER:
MR. KOBZA AND
MRS. LAIN



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Brian Trivette
Vlado Trpeski
Tanjaree Turner
Maryann Vale
Amanda Van Dusselcorp
Diana Van Dusselcorp
Nikki Van Til



Gary Van Volkenburgh
Bernadette Vargas
Scott Vargo
Andrea Vasas
Jennifer Vega
Nadia Venegas
Michelle Verbik

James Vermillion
Carlos Villanueva
Vanessa Virgo
Abigail Vivo
Brandi Vucko
Christopher Yukin
David Walla

Erica Walla
Kelly Walters
Lakeisha Wansley
Marcy Wells
Jeremiah Wells
Adam Welzien
Bennetta Williams

BIRTHDAY:
JUNE 25, 1977

EYES:
BROWN

HAIR:
BROWN

FAVORITE COLOR:
PURPLE

FAVORITE FOOD :
LASAGNA

FAVORITE MOVIE:
LAST BOY SCOUT

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
SEINFELD

FAVORITE SPORT:
FOOTBALL

MARCHING TO A DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Personalities among students sometimes conflict, while others go together like "birds of a feather." There is one who is unique, one who considers himself different from the rest. His name is Jon Shultz, '95. He says that the two words that best describe him are "different and unpredictable, because I don't like to conform to standards and you can't tell what I'll say next." Shultz's activities include "VocalTeens, playing football, and running track."

His friends would describe him as "a fun guy to be around and someone who likes to joke about a lot of things."

Shultz has his fun moments, along with his most embarrassing moments. He says that one of his embarrassing moments was "playing on the Saint Peter and Paul basketball team

against my own school. We lost 40 to 22. I was so embarrassed, I didn't want to show my face at school for quite some time."

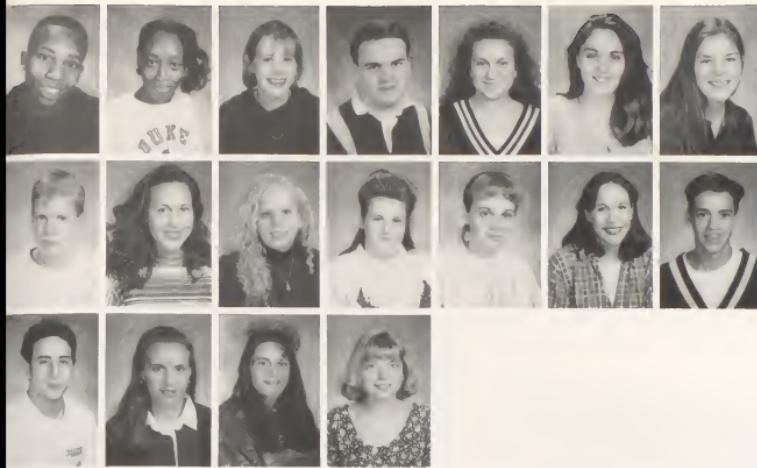
Shultz is full of special talents. He says, "I can drive and handle a 1977 Ford LTD II." Whenever he gets stressed out, Shultz says that his favorite way to relax is "sippin' tea in a Lazy Boy."

He has favorites in everything he does. ("My favorite color is purple, my favorite sport is foot-ball, my favorite teacher is Mr. Emig, and my favorite sports figure is Mike Singletary.")

He has already planned for his future, unlike some of the other people in his class. "I am going to college, getting married, and taking up a career as a computer programmer."

- by Angee Elliott





Dante Williams
Telkesha Williams
Amy Winter
Michael Wisniewski
Laurie Wojtowicz
Erica Woldt
Jennifer Wood

Joseph Wotell
Erika Yambrikas
Vanessa Yaros
Lisa York
Misty York
Alisa Zak
Terry Zapinski

Nick Zaronas
Bridgette Zellers
Susan Zirkel
Julia Zolondz

Not Pictured

Arthur Aguilera
Jennifer Bank
Ian Barnett
Paul Brooks
Jerry Bugg
Donald Cole
Jacqueline Davis
Felicia Diaz
Tamika Gaines
Gabriela Garcia
Shawn Garcia
David Gonzales
Michael Guzman
Quincy Hall
Kimberly Hardrick

Demetrius Harkness
Daniel Harvey
Brian Hicks
Ayanna Jefferson
Charletta Jones
SheRai Latimer
Biljana Makarovska
Tobias Meux
Shawn Miller
Katerina Nedeljkovic
Sarah Organ
Adam Rausei
Kimberly Robinson
Isaac Matthew Rosado



ROSHANTA PARKER, '95,
devotes her lunch period to
selling balloons for Valentine's
Day. FHA members delivered
the balloons during homeroom
on Valentine's Day.

Evans Photo



TYSON OWEN AND
Brad Kosac, both '95, converse
about U.S. history in their social
studies class taught by Mary Ann
Galanski. All juniors are required
to take a semester of U.S.
history.

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1996
Sophomores

Steve Adams
Jason Adler
Staci Ahrens
Kevin Albers
Michelle Alcala
Amber Allen
Amy Armstrong



Sam Bairaktaris
Anthony Banda
Scott Bane
Rebecca Banzen
Todd Baric
Bryan Barker
Dustin Paul Barnett



Gregory Bascom
Anthony Baskin
Robert Becker
Kyle Bedore
Andrew Belush
Becky Berdine
Lisa Beres



Joel Binkley
Joey Bish
Carmen Bonilla
Randy Brant
Brian Bratcher
Sean Briggs
Teresa Briggs



Erica Brown
Matthew Brown
Ryan Brown
Tomisha Brown
Tyrone Brown
Sean Buck
Roy Buckley



Stephanie Budzevski
Anthony Bulanda
Nicole Bulkowski
Victoria Burdett
Bernard Burke
Bryan Burns
Sarah Burl



Jeffery Byrd
Angelica Camacho
Patricia Cantrell
Andrea Cardenas
Leslie Carlberg
David Casteel
Blanca Castle



Jennifer Celms
Chris Christoff
Charles Chung
Stephanie Cichy
Ryan Cimballevich
Roy Clay
Joseph Clemens





Andrea Coates
Ryan Colburn
Shaun Cole
Richard Cooper
Andrew Crane
Erin Crawford
Thomas Csuke

Rebecca Dancy
Christopher De Mure
Amy De Nardo
Ann De Nardo
Brian De Young
Richard Deel
Angela Demaree

Damon Derlico
Peter Diltroe
Bryan Dixon
Venesa Doneksi
Robert Doreksi
Jennifer Draper
Douglas Durham

Michelle Duval
Jason Dzunda
David Eaton
Robert Eaton
Sarah Edwards
James Elenz
Rachel Elliott

LOOKING PAST THE STEREOTYPES



"I'm just myself. I don't try to be anyone special. I really don't like it when people try to alter their own personality just to try and impress a certain peer group," says Morgan Gray, '96.

It really does take something special though, to get people to listen. Gray must have that special something, too. Whenever she talks, people listen, not just because of her good looks, but for her brain as well.

There are many different ways that a person can view Gray. The most obvious one is her eclectic personality. If someone was to pass her in the halls, they would probably look at her as if she is a rebel. Those who have gotten to know her have found out otherwise. Gray is outgoing with many interesting features.

"Many people are too narrow minded. They need to free their mind and learn to look past stereotypes.

It is those stupid stereotypes that prevent people as a whole from being able to accept each other," Gray said.

Between going places and spending time with friends, Gray finds time to be a part of the MHS swimming and diving team. "Before I started this year it was almost as if I didn't even have a season. It just seemed as if this was not going to be Merrillville's year," commented Gray.

There are many perspectives to Gray, but when it comes down to it, the only way for a person to really get to know her is to take the time to meet her. Gray is planning on going to Indiana University in Bloomington for two years, and then to New York or California for her masters, in interior architectural design, or in fashion design. - by David Evans and Patrick Farabaugh

BIRTHDAY:
SEPT. 17, 1977

EYES:
HAZEL

HAIR:
SANDY BLONDE

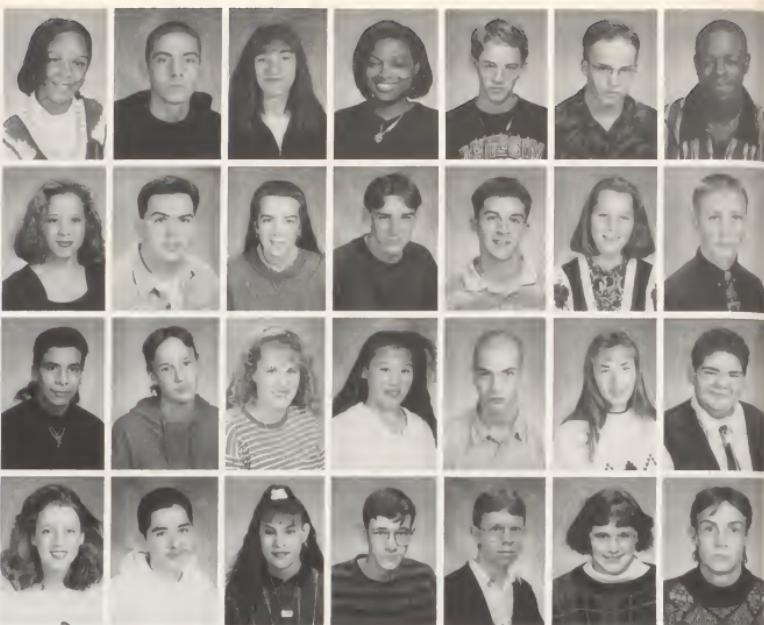
FAVORITE MOVIE:
BREAKFAST CLUB

FAVORITE BAND:
NITZEREBB,
SMASHING
PUMPKINS

**FAVORITE
SPORT:**
DIVING

**FAVORITE
TEACHER:**
MS. SPIRO

Janelle Renee Elliott
Richard Escobedo
Rilee Evans
Trelles Evans
William Fairbairn
Tony Ferguson
Roger Fleming



Elizabeth Flores
Robert Flores
Sarah Folz
Eric Forster
Joseph Foster
Dawn Fox
Paul Francis

Martin Franco
John Franz
Melissa Freeman
Jennifer Gabriel
Dave Gabrys
Lori Garbus
Juan Garfias

Christina Gargano
Gerardo Garza
Teresa Garza
David Gearhart
Eric Gill
Melissa Glorioso
Zach Goetz

BIRTHDAY:
MAY 16, 1978

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
MARTIN

FAVORITE MOVIE:
MENECE II SOCIETY

FAVORITE GROUP:
TWO PAC

FAVORITE TEACHER:
MS. DUST

FAVORITE SPORTS:
BASKETBALL AND TRACK

SCHOOLING PROVES UNIQUE FROM SIBLINGS

From home to home and school to school, this kid has seen it all. Clifford Hughes, '96, has lived in different houses and attended two other school corporations before moving to the Merrillville area. He is looking forward to attending almost three full years in this newly renovated school. Hughes thinks the sports and extra curricular facilities are something to be proud of, but that the classroom atmospheres are still missing that special touch. "I don't know, I can't quite place it. I guess even the 'perfect' classrooms aren't good enough to let students forget about the grueling assignments and routines they are faced with everyday!"

Hughes feels his schooling years have been unique. Unlike C. Hughes, the other three Hughes children have had at least one year at a school without the company of a sibling. "Like any situation, there are advantages

and disadvantages. I don't mind going to school with them because Tori looks out for me and I look out for Latoi, but I can't get away with anything because they always know what I'm up to and where I'm trying to scam!"

Hughes enjoys playing basketball and running track and has always dreamed of playing for the Boston Celtics. When he's not busy with sports or school, Hughes is tagging along with Tori and the older guys. "Don't get me wrong," explains Hughes, "I have friends of my own and all, but I've always looked up to Tori; so if he's gonna' let me hang out with him, then I will!"

Hughes has many ideas and interests that he prefers to keep to himself. He is not shy though, he's very outgoing and feels that everyone needs to express themselves clearly and not be bashful.

- by Sara Nicholls



Rey Gomez
Kara Gonzalez
Morgan Gray
Joshud Gross
Stevie Gruenkevi
Nicole Guernsey
Alicia Gunn

Kelley Gut
Robert Gutierrez
Barbie Guy
Tina Guzik
Steven Guzman
Matthew Habryst
Erica Hall

Gary Hamilton
David Hammer
Gina Hampton
Michael Hampton
Joanna Harbrecht
Jill Harris
David Harvey

Jason Hastings
Christopher Hathaway
Kara Hazi
Robert Heath
Jeff Hendricks
Clint Henry
Erica Holt

Nick Hilborne
Melissa Hilgerman
Kurtis Hill
Tanya Hill
Timothy Holdeman
Marc Holm
Nikki Holm

James Hong
Joseph Horst
Jamie Hostfeld
Heather Householder
Jason Hudock
Clifford Hughes
Jeremy Hummel

Christopher Hutzilz
Michelle Janiszewski
Benjamin Jarvis
Rhodenra Jefferson
Becky Jenkins
Damon Jenkins
Joseph Jenkins

Judy Jennings
Jason Jezuit
Martin Johnson
Roger Johnson
Michael Jonson
Jason Joselyn
Shannon Joselyn

1996

Sophomores

Eric Jostes
Sreten Jovanovic
Beth Jusko
David Kamano
Marie Kaminsky
Lisa Kanouse
Apostolis Karas



Sarah Kathcart
Jessica Keehn
Aubrey Kelley
Harriette Kelly
Deborah Kings
Kimberly Kintz
Janet Kiraly



Joshua Kirby
David Kirklen
Jennifer Klapak
Amy Kocur
William Koidus
Robert Komar
Jamie Komenida



David Kordys
Michael Kostechnik
Keith Krajewski
Mekinda Krcoski
Marty Kunitz
Kevin Kuypers
Kelly La Bonte



Aaron La Plante
Dana La Rue
Kenneth Lach
Jeremiah Lagola
Corey Lake
Joshua Larson
Rick Larson



Ami Lash
Henry Lech
Scott Lee
Angela Lehman
Aaron Lewis
Julie Lewis
Nicholas Lite



Micheal Lindsey
Max Lipotak
Timothy Little
Kimberly Lobody
Jason Lockhart
John Logothetis
David Lopez



Sara Luftinen
Bret Macaluso
Beth Macy
Marianne Mai
Aaron Malerich
Lisa Malo
Jason Malocho





Paul Mandich
Melissa Manjlovic
Megan Marchuk
Michelle Marcum
John Marelich
Kristen Marler



Janathan Marlow
Philip Martin
Robert Martinez
Sean McConnell
Sean W. McConnell
Melissa McCrary
Steven McFarland



Keith McIndoo
Karen McKay
William McKee
Jaime McKenney
William Mearna
Amy Meissner
Nicole Melcic



James Metros
Richard Mezo
Julie Milak
Brandon Millard
Ryan Miller
Sonya Mitchell
Jason Mahol



Kelli Moore
Laura Morales
Robert Moravec
Maryann Munguia
Chris Mvuseki
Linda Myslwiec
Scooty Mytyk



Brian Neely
Brandon Nelsen
Claudia Neri
Shaun Newman
Kevin Newman
Matt Nichols
Harley Niles



Jennifer Nowak
Erik Obregon
Samuel Odishi Jr.
Kimberly Onoff
Carla Ortega
Adam Ortez
Becky Paine



Maria Papadakis
Brandan Papadatos
Sarah Parduhn
Michelle Parker
Samantha Parker
Brett Parkis
Lori Pavlapoulos

1996
Sophomores

Tanya Pawl
Stephanie Peek
Megan Pendley
Christina Petersen
Marlo Petsalis
Christine Pierce
Hank Piementel



Jasan Podgarski
Melissa Potts
Brigitte Prschak
April Pratscher
Shella Presley
Kevin Preus
Jennifer Price



Rachel Price
Ronda Price
Joey Pustelnik
Miraslav Radiceski
Carman Ramirez
Bryan Ramas
Jeffery Rangeloff



Anthony Reddix
Jasan Reed
Joey Reed
Krystal Renehan
Lynn Reyes
Amanda Richardson
Jason Rico



Dede Riddle
Erica Rias
Jason Rivera
Michael Rivera
Peter Rodriguez
Amada Rosas
Lindsay Ruesch



Margaret Runian
Pamela Ruschak
Joseph Ryan
Maggie Samson
Christopher Sanchez
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Kristen Santos

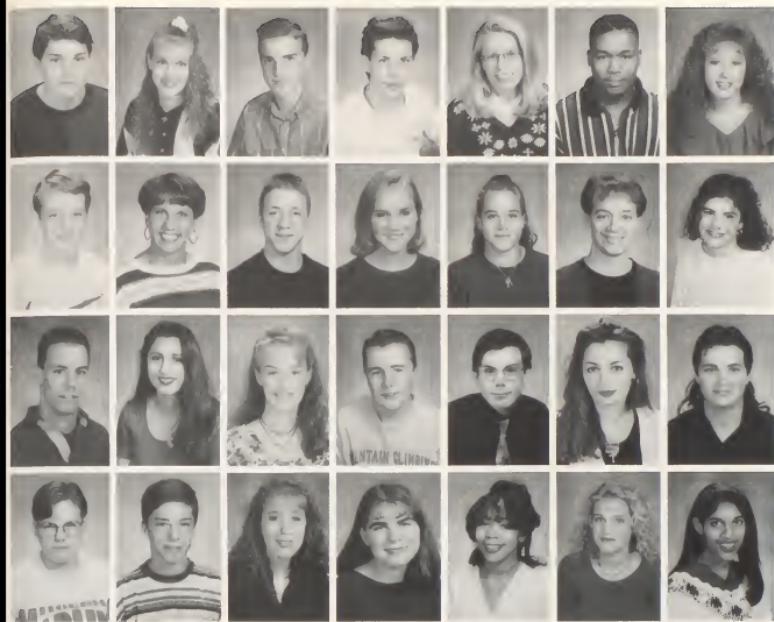


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Travis Schmidt
Bradley Schutte
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Byran Scott
Cliffard Selmon
Anthony Setlak



Brennan Seydel
Monica Shaffer
Heather Shawver
Aaron Shelton
Solomon Shih
Matthew Siecker
Theresa Sievers





Corey Simmons
 Anderea Simpson
 Jason Simpson
 Carl Sims
 Melissa Skrotsky
 Billy Smith
 Jaime Smith

Brian Snelson
 Amy Sopczk
 Eric Sowell
 Natalie Spetter
 Jill Stamatte
 Tomas Stanionis
 Angela Stanionis

Marino Stath
 Sandy Stefanoski
 Melissa Stefanoski
 Kenneth Stobaugh
 John Stomper
 Ilinka Sulewski
 Cristy Summers

Matthew Sur
 Jared Tabor
 Amy Taylor
 Lisa Taylor
 Tracy Taylor
 Christy Tegtmann
 Aarthi Tejuja

SHIRTS ARE HER BUSINESS

Have you ever wondered where everyone is getting their sweatshirts? The Pom-Pons have theirs, you've seen student government's, and yearbook has theirs, too. Aarthi Tejuja enjoys making the sweatshirts, "because I want to go into business and I love making money."

In her spare time Tejuja enjoys playing tennis, talking on the telephone, shopping, reading, and taking pictures. She also enjoys traveling. Tejuja has already been to Jamaica, India, England, France, the Grand Canyon, Canada, and Mexico, and she would like to travel more.

As for plans for the future, Tejuja has not decided on one specific career because she feels that her mind might

change. She would like to go into business management because "I want to go into business and I love making money." However, she is also interested in law because "It would interest me and I like to argue a lot." Tejuja would like to take many business and law classes at MHS. "I know I would enjoy these types of classes as long as I have a good teacher!" Tejuja feels that psychology could be another possibility because she finds that to be interesting too.

Tejuja would like to learn more about photography. Although she has some experience in photography "I have taken photography 1 and 2 at MHS. I hope to make photography a hobby," says Tejuja.

- by Michelle Borman

BIRTHDAY:
JANUARY 2, 1978

EYES:
BROWN

HAIR:
DARK BROWN

FAVORITE TEACHER:
MRS. ANDERSON

FAVORITE SAYING:
"A PERSON'S GREATEST NEED IS TO FEEL APPRECIATED."

FAVORITE ACTIVITY:
PLAY TENNIS



Bochich Photo

Theresa Terry
William Thomas
Erin Thompson
Kelly Thom
Kristine Todd
Jessica Tokar
Maria Trajkov



Jason Vruba
Nigel Walton
Daniel Waszkosky
Jason Wayne
Kelly Webster
Scott Wellestar
Sarah Westley

BIRTHDAY:
MARCH 10, 1978

**FAVORITE TV
SHOW:**
MELROSE PLACE

FAVORITE MOVIE:
BACKDRAFT

FAVORITE GROUP:
PEARL JAM

FAVORITE CLASS:
MATH

**FAVORITE
TEACHER:**
MR. BERGESON

FAVORITE SPORT:
TENNIS

HOBBY:
SNORKELING

DANCING THROUGH LIFE WITH A SMILE

The students of MHS are privileged to have on of the all time favorite *Sesame Street* characters roaming the hallways. That's right, Kristy Trock, '97, has been mistaken for "Guy Smiley" many times. You know him -- "the happy-go-lucky" friend of the *Sesame Street* clan. Trock is a spunky individual who always finds time to flash a smile and spread cheer.

Trock is involved in many activities, both in and out of school. She dances, snorkels, and performs on the pom-pom squad. She has been dancing since she was young and "I love it. I enjoy dancing altogether, but it's really great when I'm in a bad mood or if I need to pass the time."

Snorkeling is a unique hobby

to most of us. Trock loves the water and enjoys seeing the scenery. "I tried it a long time ago for the first time and I have always been anxious to do it. It is a very interesting hobby, and I wish I could find more people to come with me."

Trock, in her free time, enjoys hanging out with friends. She has two younger sisters so she remembers spending the "majority of my life babysitting. My sisters are older now, so I have a lot of time to myself. It's quite a relief."

After high school, Trock plans to attend college at either Purdue or Indiana University. As for right now, she plans to enjoy her time doing the things she enjoys most.

- by Sara Nicholls



Bondra Photo

**Corey West
Tammie White
Paxton Williams
Samantha Williams
Terrance Williamson
Janie Lynn Wilson
Rager Lyle Wilson**

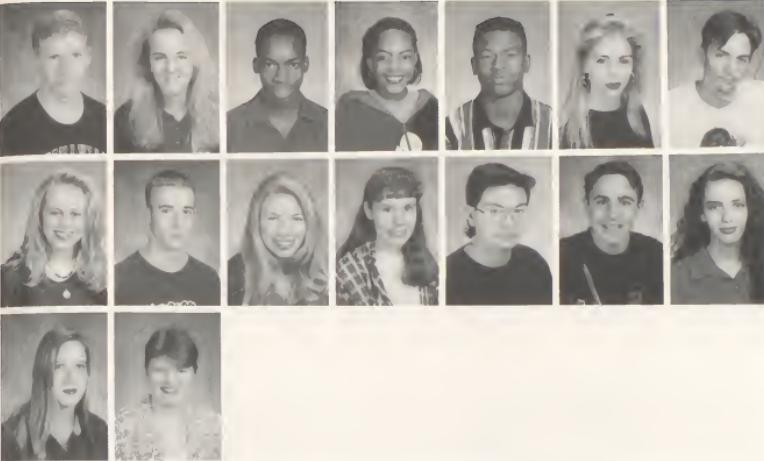
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Damian Wood
Alyssa Wright
Angela Wusik
Eric Youngren
Jonathan Zukansky
Tanja Zdravetski**

**Rebecca Zalodz
Christine Zarich**

NOT PICTURED

Willis Alexander
Eric Boyer
Christina Brucer
Taray Bryant
Jill Clark
Michael Coleman
April Cook
Lomechia Cox
Stephanie Dawson
Tara Devine
Jeffrey Fedorchak
Jill Frye
Rainey Galanos
Kristyn Grace
Mark Grubbs
Shawn Gueyser
Felipe Jones
Kevin Keightley
Richard Knight
Tricia Kuhn

Danny Lewis
Richard Looney
Dave Maldonado
Ann Marie Malec
Keith Mashburn
Jason Miller
Alexander Neskoski
Anna Papalazarou
Lorraine Plomaritis
Bart Pruzin
Karen Robella
David Sierkowski
Sean Stribbling
Thomas Thompson
James Tolefree
Waylang Upshaw
Stephene Wagner
Christal Williams
Jeffrey Zarnik



KARA GONZALEZ, '96, takes advantage of a quiet moment to finish her homework for the next hour. Many students must use spare time to finish their homework because they spend their free time working or participating in extracurricular activities.

Bandra Photo

1997
Freshmen

David Almone
Keith Albee
Thomas Alfiff
Amber Allaman
Twanna Allen
Aaron Ammons
Jessica Anderson



Ma'Ron Anderson
Angela Andreatos
Yasmin Aponte
Frank Arambula
Jamie Bailey
Brad Balcerak
Nick Balcerak



Matthew Banas
Jody Bane
Tim Banham
Nathan Banks
Ryan Barman
Emily Barnett
Christopher Barron



Tamara Beaty
Amber Beck
James Bergstrom
Jennifer Berkman
Christina Berry
Angela Bertolo
Lehman Best



Theodore Bewley
Stacia Bish
Climmie Bishop
Elisabeth Black
Jovan Blacknell
Valerie Boromisa
Andrew Bowden



Amber Braden
Robert Branham
Nicholas Brasovan
Alycia Broda
Melissa Brothers
Jeremiah Brown
Melinda Brown



Stacey Brown
Voledyah Brown
Marc Bruner
Colleen Brzicky
Jeff Buchko
Amanda Buda
Christine Budzielek



Steven Bugg
Kathryn Burdett
Kristine Burke
Robert Burkus
Jason Byars
Sarah Camery
Chris Camisa





Ryan Campbell
Robert Carlson
Chris Celeski
Michael Cesare
Vesna Cesjarev
Larry Chandler
Melanie Chandler

Corby Clark
Matthew Clark
Melissa Clark
Robert Clark
Jason Cochran
Nicole Cole
Randall Collins

Cara Colon
Cherese Connolly
Natalie Conner
Alex Copplinger
Michael Coughlin
Abby Counter
Frank Courington

John Cox
Ryan Creighton
Cheo Cruz
Stephan Dabney
Kelly Dahlen
Sonja Damjanoski
Kira Davila

BIRTHDAY:
DEC. 10, 1978

EYES:
GREEN

HAIR:
LIGHT BROWN

FAVORITE MOVIES:
MIGHTY DUCKS, CUTTING EDGE, INDIAN SUMMER

FAVORITE SHOW:
TALES FROM THE CRYPT

HOBBIES:
WRITING STORIES
AND POEMS,
PLAYING SPORTS,
AND BEING WITH
FRIENDS

ACTIVE FRESHMAN SETS HIGH GOALS



You may know her as the outspoken girl that sits behind you in English class. You may even know her as that silly girl who never stops kidding. But there is a side to Janell Deem that no one knows. The side that makes her unique is the side that also shows just how intelligent she really is!

"Not many people know how much I enjoy writing. When I write, I create my own world. Nothing can go wrong in that world either. If it does, all I have to do is erase it and make it right," comments Deem.

With so many good things about Deem, it is hard to try to limit her to just a few different topics. But one thing about her that stands out the most is her personality. Not only is she a very polite person, but she is also very easy to get along with.

This is one freshmen who has

really got it together! Deem is already the president of Merrillville High School's Pirate Posting. "It was really funny. I found out that I was president before I even new that I was in it!" said Deem. But the truth is that Janell Deem has been on top of things all of her life. When it comes to academics, Deem is almost a straight A student.

School is one thing that Deem takes very seriously. "Sure I care about my classes and my grades. After all, the things that I do now are going to reflect on my future. If I can do well now, there is a pretty good chance that I'll have a very bright future. And that's what I really want!" comments Deem. There is one really good way to describe Janell Deem and her future, as Superman would say, "Up, Up, & Away!"

- by Patrick Farabaugh

Farabaugh Photo

Jamai Davis
Myasha Davis
Ryan Davis
Janell Deem
Heather Dempsey
Greg Denham
Darin Dericco



Chris Dimitroff
Samantha Dimoff
Megan Dixon
Jamie Dobis
Bogola Donecki
David Downs
Susan Drobac

Brandon Dzunda
Chris Eastee
James Elliott
Aleka Emmanouilidis
Kevin Emmett
Kyle Ensign
Loretta Escamilla

Sonia Espanza
Jennifer Essex
Ashley Estes
David Evans
Frank Falardeau
Michael Fanlin
Joseph Farley

BIRTHDAY:
DEC. 16, 1978

FAVORITE FOOD:
TACOS FROM
TACO BELL

FAVORITE COLOR:
BLACK

FAVORITE SONG:
*EYE OF THE
TIGER*

FAVORITE MOVIE:
BLOODSPORT

GOALS IN LIFE:
"TO ALWAYS
FINISH"

**FAVORITE
PASTTIME:**
DANCING AT
JUBILATIONS

ONE STEP ABOVE THE REST

If people were to pass Jon Garcia at school, they would probably think he was just like every other freshman trying to make it through a typical MHS school day. However, Garcia possesses many qualities that allow him to shine above the rest. He enjoys going to Merrillville High because "it is a school that gives me many opportunities."

This school better believe that Garcia is going to take advantage of the many opportunities it has to offer and also to excel with their guidance. Not only does Garcia receive excellent grades in almost all of his classes when some sophomores and juniors have enough trouble trying to tackle these courses, but Garcia seems to be sailing along just fine despite the two year difference.

Not only does Garcia have a great academic record, but he participates in many types of

sports. He enjoys playing tennis and earned himself a position on the boys tennis team as a reserve. Garcia seems to be demolishing almost all of his opponents in the process.

"I like all sports, but I mostly like baseball, basketball, or any other contact sport." This would be pretty hard to believe if you look at him, considering he is only about five feet four inches tall. "Hey, I have plenty of time to grow," he said. His favorite professional athletes range from Michael Jordan to Bo Jackson.

He is the type of person who knows what he wants and will strive to get it. Garcia thinks that his personality is what makes him unique from other people.

"Some people tell me I'm confusing and others tell me I'm different. I like being both," Garcia concludes.

- by Kimberly Anderson



Evans Photo

John Fashing
Gina Fester
Neal Fedak
Michael Ferja
Michael Filan
Marcia Flores
Michelle Flares

Karl Forester
John Foster
Dimitri Fresh
Danny Frevert
Brian Frey
Sarah Frink
Cheryl Frast

Ken Gabriel
Cathy Gallimore
Kristen Galvan
Michelle Gamba
Christina Ganga
Jonathon Garcia
Rene Garcia Jr.

Christopher Garner
Kelly Gation
Justin Gear
Holly Gentry
Kristie Gentry
Angela Geruska
James Gill

Joseph Giordano
Stanko Gilgic
Lisa Goley
Charles Gonzalez
Deanna Gonzalez
Edwin Gonzalez
Nicholas Gonzalez

Jack Grund Jr.
Juan Guardado
Elizabeth Guardiola
Joseph Guardiola
Audrey Guritz
Amy Gutierrez
Jason Hac

Robert Halbe
Frank Halcarz
Nichole Hall
Richard Hamillan
David Hammer
Eric Hanson
John Harms

Annette Harness
Brian Haussman
Kendra Hendersan
Michael Hinn
John Hilliker
Barbara Hoagland
Kathy Hodgetts

1997

Freshmen

Brittan Hoffman
Michelle Hogan
Donny Hollandsorth
Mike Householder
Angelo Howard
Amy Howland
Latol Hughes



Crystal Hussey
Kevin Hulnick
Peter Ilievski
Melissa Jachimowicz
Steve Jacobs
Kimberly Jakich
Tiffany Januszewski



Karlanne Jelinek
Kelley Jenkins
Beatrice Johnson
Jennifer Johnson
Ricky Johnsten
Dymeta Jones
Shannon Jones



Jackie Jorgensen
Jeremy Joselyn
Erin Jastes
Sasa Jovanaski
Rebekah Jusko
Niki Kalageras
Kristen Kapanka



Paul Kasiak
Maria Kassani's
Emmanuel Kazanis
David Keene
David Kelsey
Crystal Kempa
Cynthia Kenney



Amanda Kirk
Justin Kissinger
Jim Klein
Nemanja Klajic
Michael Kmetz
Stephanie Knox
John Kaldus



Sandra Kolodziej
Autumn Komisarcik
Brian Konickie
Kyle Konja
Daniel Kontos
Lucas Kora
Maegan Krisko



Michelle Kristevski
Angela Krumrie
Alan Kustic
Jasmine Lackey
Melissa Lair
Angela Lamb
Rebecca Lambert





Jason Leclik
Paul Lee
Shannan Lentz
Jacqueline Lean
Robert Lean
Jennifer Lepley
Jaime Levitt



Robert Lewis
John Lind
Hillary Lipp
Heather Lahse
Krisandra Lang
Robert Lang
Alvis Lucky Jr.



Richard Ludwig
Heather Luedtke
Marisa Luevana
Justin Lyons
Kristian Madayag
Kristina Malast
Gregory Mallary



Matthew Malocha
Lindsay Mandich
Steven Manning
Celeste Martinez
Amanda Martus
Eric Matthey
Elizabeth Maul



Rasheeda Maxwell
Mark Mazany
Michelle McAdoo
Christina McCann
Shaun McLain
Kelly Meeks
Lari Megyesi



Susan Meissler
Michelle Mendez
Jashua Miccan
Tiffany Mickey
Joseph Mihal
Guy Mikulich
Violet Millic



Sarah Miliaviljevich
Angie Miller
Christopher Miller
John Miller
Eric Mintan
Mariah Mitchell
Christopher Mates



Michael Mantermayar
Melba Montgomery
Raymond Mantgomery
Nicole Maar
Joseph Moore
Christina Marales
Carla Marality

1997
Freshmen

Jeffery Mortenson
Natalie Mote
George Murray
Laura Murtaugh
Nicole Myaskowski
Michael Nalborczyk
Rima Neely



James Nemcovic
Stephanie Nicollin
Joshua Niedzwicki
Kelly Niezgoda
Natalie Nimon
Allan Nodd
Christy Oh



Angela Oliver
James Oliver
Benjamin Olson
Jacqueline Ortiz
Montell Pace
Melissa Pagel
Brian Paine



Randolph Palmateer
Nicole Panigas
Devon Parker
Philip Parker
Jamayl Pearson
Julius Peasant
Eli Pecoski



Joyce Pejoski
Edwin Pelyura
Juliana Peppas
Michelle Perez
Dameion Perkins
Kimberly Pero
Shawn Peschke



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Bryan Phillips
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Courtney Poholarz

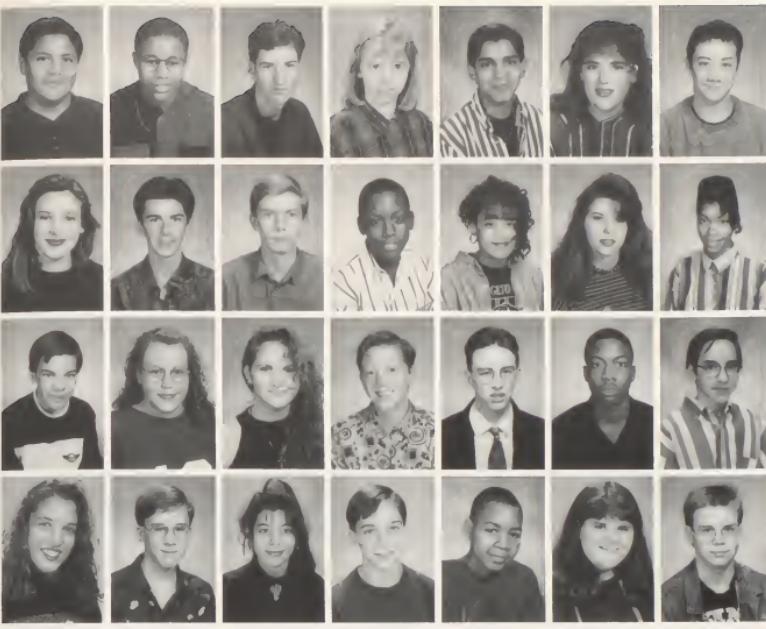


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Carollina Procter
Bart Pruzter
Matthew Putnam



Dustin Quenett
Jennifer Ramos
Crystal Ramsey
Robert Rapchak
Chad Raper
Michael Rathbun
Megan Reberg





Cesar Recio
Britt Reese Jr.
Ryan Remenius
Jennifer Remmelle
Matthew Rich
Moselle Richards
Jay Richardson

Wava Riddle
Dejan Ritevski
Michael Robbins
LaMar Robinson
Thirza Rodriguez
Jessica Rogers
June Rogers

Adam Rosaves
Christina Rosenwinkel
Angela Rossman
Brian Roth
Eric Ruland
DaVon Rumph
Stephen Salcedo

Veronica Sanchez
William Santelik
Rita Satsangi
Justin Savich
Carey Saxon
Kara Schell
Mark Schreiner

BIRTHDAY:
NOV. 30, 1977

FAVORITE COLOR:
GREEN

FAVORITE GROUP:
QUEEN

FAVORITE SONG:
PLAY THE SONG

FAVORITE MOVIE:
RAISING CAIN

FAVORITE FOOD:
STEAK

FAVORITE SPORT:
DIVING

FAVORITE ACTIVITY:
RIDING AROUND
WITH FRIENDS

SINGER STRIVES FOR SUCCESS



The lights go down as the audience's applause roars through Reinhart auditorium. Freshman Bryan Phillips is then seen walking off stage after another one of his show stopping performances. This time Phillips brought the house down with his rendition of the Christmas song "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

"Did I do alright? How did I sound?" said Phillips as he tries to get the crowd's response to his performance. Not a single person could find a thing wrong with it. Instead, all that he received were overwhelming compliments from a very pleased group of people.

If there is one thing that Phillips can do better than anything else, it has to be singing. "Being a professional singer is my dream. I have been performing all my life!" said Phillips.

Phillips is one of the first freshmen ever to make it into the Merrillsville High School choir's VocalTeens. "I'm so excited! Mr. Emig really has big plans for us this year. I can't wait!" Phillips said.

School is a whole different story for Phillips. "My first day of high school was probably the worst day of my life! I was so scared. I didn't know where I was going, or who I was going to. I even ended up in the wrong lunch hour!" Phillips said. "This school is a big step up from Harrison. Everything here is taken more seriously. You're responsible for much more here. But I love the freedom that goes along with it! It may have taken me a while to get used to these new responsibilities, but now I can't see how I have ever lived without them!" Phillips added.

- by Patrick Farabaugh

Farabaugh Photo

1997
Freshmen

Lisa Schwinn
Sean Scott
Amanda Szurkio
Sharon Segvich
Kathryn Shapkoff
Stacey Shudick
Nichole Shultz



Nathan Sickles
Christopher Siklich
Jennifer Sills
James Simandl
Derek Simpson
Maurene Skura
Stephanie Sloan



Allen Smith
Angelynn Smith
Karin Smith
Carrie Snow
Amanda Sopko
Marie Spiegla
Jason Spinks



Jennifer Springman
Heather Stanley
Kevin Stazione
Michael Stath
Joey Steeb
Melinda Stelter
Jeremie Stephens



Kellye Stephens
Amy Stobaugh
T.J. Stochel
Michael Stupar
Zdravko Suleksi
Terra Sullivan
Amy Sut



Trisha Swanke
Kimberly Swierc
Jessica Swims
John Szoller
Susan Szot
Tanya Taletff
Adam Taylor



Felicia Taylor
Lisa Taylor
Sarah Taylor
Lyndi Tegtmann
Jeffery Tharnes
Michael Thrios
Dawn Thomas



Eric Thomas II
Anthony Thompson
Kendra Telefree
Mark Torres
Deanna Tracy
Jennifer Trapane
Katrina Triplett





Jennifer Troyer
Stephanie Vaise
Jeff Van Volkenburgh
Douglas Vander Tuuk
Eric Vargas
Jessica Vargas
Stacy Vasoli



Chris Velazquez
Bobby Verbil
Matt Villanueva
Jeanine Visue
Eugene Vivo
Stamatis Vlahos
Ruska Vranisiski



Jennifer Vukin
Emily Walla
Shelly Wall
Mike Waller
Nicholas Wardell
Delphine Wedding
Nikki Weigel



Thomas Westbury
Brandon Whitaker
Kelly White
Berlinda Williams
Deshawn Williams
Stephanie Willams
Jason Willison



Katie Willison
Kathleen Wisniewski
Jodi Yambriaski
Jamie Young
Kim Young
Maria Zaitis
Elizabeth Zac



Joseph Zukutansky
Lakisha Zander
Christopher Zervos
Alexandra Zestanakis
Robert Zimnawoda
Paul Zolondz

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Suzanne Barrera
Ryan Derico
Douglas Eldridge
Raul Esparza
Maricela Garcia
Dianne Gonzalez
Derrick Hargrove
Sarah Jensen
Karolee Koonce
Laura Krefft
Nicole McDonald
Francis McMullin

Anthony Ornales
Max Pearson
Javier Rosas
Richard Sopko
Maurice Sutton
Gregg VanDusseldorf
Michael Walker
Shelly Walker
Robert Wolf
Clifton Woods
Olivia Zdravski

Faculty

•Paul Abernathy, 26, Math
 Beverly Ambrozak, 22, Business
 Janet Anderson, 13, Art
 William Angelidis, 5, Science
 Joe Atria, 13, Science, Girls Track
 Coach, Football Coach
 Beverly Bashir, Assistant Principal



Maryanne Bottstini, 46, Guidance
 Patricia Beattie, 1, Special Ed.
 Speech Coach
 Robert Bergeson, 12, Business/
 Computer, Softball Coach
 Mary Ann Bertram, 24, Spanish,
 Spanish Club
 Robbie Bothwell, 42, Business
 Lee Bottom, 16, Ind. Arts

Judith Chidsey, 10, English
 Linda Christoff, 16, Computer Lab
 Mary Clay, 7, Music, Band Director
 Jeffrey Clinkenbeard, 3, Science
 Kristen Corsaro, 2, Social Studies,
 Guard, Vocalists
 Kenneth Courel, 5, Science, Track
 Coach, Football Coach

Lori Covaci, 4, English
 Jacqueline Crone, 3, English,
 Creative Writing Club
 Steven DeVillez, 4, Media
 Specialist, WMHS, Academic
 Decathlon
 Barbara Dilouhy, 4, Special Ed.
 Nancy Draper, 2, Math
 Miles Duncombe, 28, Science

Lori Dust, 4, Physical Ed., Girls
 Basketball Coach
 Richard Ebler, 28, Social Studies
 Dee Edgcomb, 2, Guidance
 Jim Edgcomb, 28, Social Studies
 Academic Teams
 Roger Emig, 15, Music
 Sharon Estes, 2, English

Cliff Fackler, 33, Math
 Tom Feeney, 26, Math
 Diane Firme, 25, English
 Maryann Foster, 8, Art, FEA
 Elizabeth Frasca, Media Center
 Linda Fry, 22, English

Drew Furness, 16, Guidance
 MaryAnn Galanis, 26, Social Studies
 Rick Garner, 17, Ind. Arts
 Beth Given, 1, Math
 Ed Glick, 1, Physical Ed., Boys Swim
 Coach
 Sally Gradeless, 10, Math

Ray Hamilton, 19, German,
 German Club
 Tom Herbert, Assistant Principal
 Richard Hill, 25, Math
 Jan Hughes, 15, Business
 Richard Hurey, 13, Ind. Arts
 Max Hutchison, 36, Math



IT ALL ADDS UP



What drives an individual into teaching? Moreover, what drives an individual to want to teach math at the high school level? Linear equations, square roots and polynomials make most people cringe. Mary Shoshoo, math teacher, isn't most people.

Her reasons for teaching date back to her childhood.

"I think it all (wanting to teach) started when I had excellent teachers year after year as I was growing up. My admiration for them created my interest in the profession," says Shoshoo.

That may explain the desire to teach, but math as a subject is another story.

"As a student I had a very impressive math teacher. The logic and the problem solving

techniques intrigued me."

Before coming to MHS Shoshoo taught several years at Clifford Pierce Middle School, then a junior high. Along the path to MHS, she also taught the fourth grade and beginner's French.

Shoshoo admits she wasn't all that happy with some of her subjects in school.

"My toughest subjects were social studies and poetry. Both were taught from the angle of memorizing everything. I HATE TO MEMORIZE! I'd rather think and reason."

Finally, students who had Shoshoo at Pierce might recall the rumors of her being a professional lady wrestler. Her only reply to these allegations, "World Champion, of course!"

- by Tom Gayda

BIRTHDAY:
FEBRUARY 7

FAVORITE FOOD:
DALMA

FAVORITE COLORS:
EARTH TONES

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
ANY NEWS SHOW
LIKE 20/20

FAVORITE BOOK:
THE LITTLE PRINCE

FAVORITE MOVIES:
CASABLANCA,
ON GOLDEN POND, AND
RIVERBOAT QUEEN

Faculty

*Teacher's Name, years in MCSC, subject taught, activities sponsored

Tom Peller, 9, Math, Basketball

Coach

Terry Pratt, 7, Art

Bernadine Putz, Business

Janis Qualizza, Athletic Director

Gerl Rainey, 17, Foreign Language

Dr. Daniel C. Rapacz, 9, Principal



Jerald Reinhart, Auditorium

Director

Shirley Renner, Guidance

Wanda Rice, 2, Art

Andrea Rybolt, 2, Science

Bonnie Sanders, 23, Spanish

Violet Schmuck, 11, Math



John Seale, 15, Ind. Arts

Mary Shoshos, 23, Math

Don Sly, 21, Science

Rosa Smith, 2, Study Hall, MCATF

Peggy Snellson, 1, Media Assistant

Mary Lou Sproat, Director of

Media Services



Maggie Stallings, 20, Home Ec., Jean Stanford, 2, English, Quill and Scroll Publications

Evelyn Stelner, 6, Spanish, Spell Bowl

Randy Steffler, 2, English, Basketball Coach

Lyle Stoelting, 30, Social Studies, Games Club, MCATF

Laura Stoner, 2, Home Ec.



Dave Teefer, 7, Ind. Arts

Richard Terpstra, 20, English

Barbara Timmerman, 5, Music

Maxine Urbanczyk, Special Ed.

Jim Vermillion, 35, Science,

Basketball Coach

Carol Von Behren, 24, Home Ec.

FHA, HERO



K. Wilcynski, Special Ed.

Madelaine Wilson, 27, Spanish

Rick Wimmer, 2, Phys. Ed. Football

Bruce Woods, 22, English,

Academic Teams

Jeff Yelton, 12, Science, Environmental Club, Football Coach

Dave Zimmerman, 7, Business,

Tennis Coach



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Al Branda, 1, Math

Charles Carroll, 23, Special Ed.

James Dailey, 23, Ind. Arts

James East, 14, Social Studies, Boys Basketball

Mary Kary Jeffries, 34, Spanish

Judy LeDuc, 18, Business, Business Professionals of America

Rob Moore, 1, Social Studies, Intramural Sports

Irene Spiro, 11, French, French club

Michael Zoffo, 3, English, Speech Coach



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REVIEWING HER
student's work, art
teacher Maryann Foster
points out the strong
aspects of Tracy Parker's
painting. Foster is the
art department head
and involved in many
MHS activities.

QUEEN OF THE HALL



Rosa Smith is a familiar face seen in and around the classrooms of MHS. Her responsibilities include supervising the study halls, "to maintain an orderly area where the students may be quiet and have an area that is conducive to studying." During homeroom, Smith helps in the Student Services office. "Since I don't have a homeroom, I take that time to help down there."

Smith moved to Merrillville from California, and her youngest son, Erik now attending the Air Force Academy, attended Harrison Jr. High here. "During that time, I got involved in many parent groups like PTO." After her involvement in PTO, she decided to be a substitute. "I love being around young people, so I

wanted to start subbing."

After spending more time at MHS as a sub, Dr. Rapacz contacted her about being a member of the Multi-Cultural Awareness Task Force. "We pooled our ideas together, and this organization was formed."

Smith loves her job at MHS because, as she says, "I like the constant interaction with the students. I consider my ability to get along well with others to be an important quality to have when dealing with students."

In her free time, Smith likes to, "read, shop, attend plays and movies."

In terms of Smith's activities at MHS, Smith likes students to see her as a positive role model, and concludes that, "I would even do this for free!"

- by Rachel Torres

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FAVORITE COLOR:
WHITE

FAVORITE FOOD:
SHRIMP

FAVORITE ACTOR:
DENZEL
WASHINGTON

FAVORITE ACTRESS:
CICELY TYSON

FAVORITE MOVIE:
MY FAIR LADY

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
OPRAH

FAVORITE SONG:
TILL

PET PEEVE:
LYING

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SECRETARIES

Row 1: Debbie Zellers, Elain Hydinger, Shirley Barclay, Liz Frasca. Row 2: Lynn Praschak, Debbie Klippl, Jean Webb, Maggie Miller, Vi Solich.



AIDES

Row 1: Cheryl Albers, Rosa Smith, Peggy Snelson, Hanne McDonald, Gloria Zale. Row 2: Carol Hogan, Sue Matheus, Janet Pennock, Nikki Jusko, Margaret Leposki, Judy Vassallo.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Tom Herbert signs in couples at prom. This year there was a dual theme. All of the music was based on Rod Stewart's "Forever Young" and all of the decorations were based on "The Enchanted Garden of Eden."



Schrenker Retires

He may not be the inventor, but when it comes to Merrillville Community Schools, Dr. Robert J. Schrenker can certainly be considered the innovator. For 17 years Schrenker has served as superintendent of Merrillville schools, establishing many programs and seeing the progress of several others. He left big shoes to follow when he retired on June 30.

Throughout the course of his career Schrenker has been a teacher, a principal, and a superintendent. In all of his jobs Schrenker remained dedicated. This can be seen by several accomplishments he has had during the past 17



years. The most recent included the decision to ban smoking in all corporation vehicles and at all outdoor venues. Last year smoking was banned in all school buildings.

Schrenker's accomplishments well always live on through Merrillville history. His 17 years of work helped to make the schools of Merrillville some of the best not only in the state, but the nation. If Schrenker's successors do only half as well as he did, the school corporation will still remain one of the best.

-by Tom Gayda

Bryant J. Matthews

1938-1994



"The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life."

William James



Kirk John Mitchell Photo

BRYANT J. MATTHEWS accepts the plaque which hangs in the fieldhouse named after him from L. J. Crist at the Dedication Ceremony for the fieldhouse.

PERSONALITIES



ed & randy brant

TWICE THE TROUBLE

Twins? No, but with their similar looks and identical personalities, Edwin Brant, '94, and his brother Randall Brant, '96, very well could be.

Ed and Randy are the youngest of five sons. Ed feels that "this causes us to stick together. I guess we're kind of rebellious."

Both boys are interested in art, music, and wrestling. "My brothers have helped me with wrestling for as long as I can remember," says Randy. "Sometimes though, I think it was their way of have fun beating up the little guy and getting away with it."

Ed and Randy have a lot of the same friends so they are together quite often. "We just kick back, relax, and party," says Ed. "I love coming to school Monday morning and hearing how boring everyone's weekend was. It makes me appreciate my friends and imagination and creativity. We usually make great times." Both brothers admit that watching the movie *Dazed and Confused* makes them want to party! They listen to a lot of music, especially Pearl Jam's "Daughter."

Even though they are very similar, Ed and Randy are two different people, two different personalities. That's how they want to be remembered. As Ed and Randy, not as an "Ed-Randy thing."

After graduation, Ed wants to continue school or enter the Air Force. He is undecided at the moment. Randy hasn't made any career decisions because he still has two years left at MHS.

• by Sara Nicholls



kari dombrowsky

LIFE'S NOT A SOAP

Swimming. *Days of Our Lives*. Country music. *Backdraft*. Do these words have any meaning for you? They certainly do to Kari Dombrowsky. They describe some of her favorite things. Dombrowsky, '95, has been a swimmer since she was a little girl. She was awarded a letter for it when she was a freshman at Harrison. She is a member of the school swim team although she had tendonitis this season and said it was difficult to practice with the pain.

Dombrowsky's favorite TV show is *Days of Our Lives*. She stated excitedly, "I love that show! It's the best! It's awesome!" When she was in California a year ago she had the chance to meet all the *Days* stars.

Dombrowsky also enjoys listening to country music, "I love country music! It's funny because I used to hate it... now my radio station is set at 99.5 (US99) all the time!!" she commented. Two of her favorite songs are *Beer and Bones* by John Michael Montgomery and *The Dance* by Garth Brooks.

Her favorite movie is *Backdraft*, and her favorite actor just happens to be Billy Baldwin, who stars in it. She has a troll dressed up like a fireman because she likes the movie so well.

Dombrowsky comes from an average-sized Polish family that consists of her mom, her dad, and two older sisters, Michelle 22 years-old and Nancy 21 years-old. She is extremely proud of her Polish heritage and comments, "People make fun of me for being Polish. Hey...I love being Polish! Polish will rule the world someday! Yeah!"

She feels that honesty is the most important part of any relationship and asks the question, "If someone isn't honest, how can he/she be trusted?" She feels that if someone does not give you the truth, people may get hurt.

Dombrowsky has a wonderful sense of humor and says she is able to do some impressions. She says that she's been told that her best impression is Corky from *Life Goes On*.

Attending a newly renovated school is great and Dombrowsky appreciates the athletic department greatly. She especially enjoys the fact that the school has two pools which has made it more convenient to practice since the diving pool is not finished with its renovations yet.

Dombrowsky is also a lucky person. She knows what she wants to do with her life after she completes high school. She plans to attend Indiana University and hopes to teach French and coach a swimming team of her own.

•by Susan Frenchik





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FAMILY VALUES

The first day of school, be it elementary or high school, is the chance for students to be out on their own, away from home for more than three or four hours a day, to let loose and do what they want without worrying what their parents will say. What to do when mother is in the same school? Who is the topic of discussion next year? The Foster's! There are eight family members in the Foster home, and things can get a little crazy both in the home and at school. The Foster kids currently attending MHS are Marie-Claire, '94; Joe, '96; and John, '97.

Even though the typical kid would have a problem with one of their parents being at school with them, the Foster children don't seem to mind at all. Joe says, "It's good my mom is there because whenever I need something my mommy's right down the hall."

Marie-Claire agrees. "I actually enjoy seeing her. When I need something, I can go to her. And she is always happy to see me."

There is a downside to having mother at school during the day, too. John says, "She can check up on my grades and me at the same time." Joe adds, "She can check up on me whenever she wants to."

Marie-Claire says, "She always tells her students about my life, and they know more than my best friends do."

Where does mother fit in all of this? Maryann Foster, art teacher, says, "It's an advantage to know what is going on at school. Students rarely inform parents of school events and news. I always know what's happening." But she doesn't check up on her children to be nosy. She will only do it if she feels that there is a problem. She states, "It would be hard to ignore the problems. I sometimes talk to other teachers if I casually see them, but I don't go out of my way to 'check up' on my children."

But all those kids in one house? What's it like? Is it crazy in the bathroom? Do they fight all the time? And do they have to take turns doing the dishes? Marie-Claire states, "My family has a tendency to fight about little things that are really stupid. We all have bad tempers, and we are so open we are not afraid to say what we think. My mom goes off on tangents. When we do something wrong, she talks about it for days, even after we apologize. But I love her that way. It's never boring in my house, and I can always find a sibling to talk to. We are appreciative to our parents, even though we'd never tell them. I am close to everyone in the family, and each person is unique. I don't think I could hate any of them."

Joe feels almost the same. "I'm close to the entire family, but I am closest to Marie-Claire and John, probably because they are closest to me in age. It's pretty neat, because when I grew up, I always had something to do because I have so many brothers and sisters. I just want to say that I am really going to miss Marie-Claire next year. She really means a lot to me. Before we moved to Merrillville, our old house didn't have enough room. The bills are also a lot more in a large family."

John says, "I think it's great because there is always something going on and someone to talk to. It is always exciting because there is so much commotion, especially at dinner because everyone has something to say. The biggest problem is the phone, and the shower is always busy. Every other week we have laundry or dishes, and every Saturday we have to clean our house. The house keeps getting more and more boring because everyone is going away to college. I feel that I am close to everyone."

Mom Foster says, "It's fun. Our house is always lively and exciting. I'll be sad to have Marie-Claire away at college in the fall. With only three children at home it'll be very different. It can get expensive with our family, but somehow God always provides. Doing dishes and laundry gets old after awhile. I take time to know my children. I try to attend their activities and help them with their studies if they need it. One fun thing we do is spend their sixteenth birthday in Chicago on a shopping spree."



HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Two more active people in the Merrillville community than Dr. Tony Lux, assistant superintendent for instruction, and his son T.J., '95, may not exist. Dr. Lux is soon to take the place of Dr. Robert Schrenker as superintendent of Merrillville Community School Corporation. At the same time, T.J. participated in various activities including tennis, basketball, and broadcasting.

"I really like the school system and the community. I can't think of another place I'd rather be. That's why I didn't look any place else for the job," commented Dr. Lux.

T.J. was involved in two successful sports this year, tennis and basketball.

"Tennis is a lot of fun. It gives me a nice little break from basketball. It's a new and enjoyable sport and the guys are great," said T.J.

The rest of the Lux family provides a great source of encouragement for Dr. Lux and T.J.

"My family is great. They always come to my games and support me. They're always there for me, my mom (Allyson), dad, my sisters, (Megan, 19), and (Kim, 13). I really appreciate everything they do for me," added T.J.

Next year Dr. Lux has a big job ahead of him as superintendent; however, he is optimistic about his challenge.

"My goal is to see students enjoy going to school and to focus on student learning so that students may be able to achieve more," explained Dr. Lux.

The next year should prove to be a challenge as T.J. moves into his senior year and Dr. Lux becomes superintendent. But if things keep going like they have for the two Lux men, success seems guaranteed.



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OUT ON HER OWN

"Do your own thing. Do what you feel is right." That seems to be Carolina Procter's, '97, motto for life. Obviously it must be working too. According to Janell Deem, '97, "Carolina is one of the easiest people to get along with. She is smart, funny, and full of wit."

More importantly her beauty is far more than skin deep. She doesn't judge a person unless she has a fair chance to get to know that person- and even then she refuses to limit her opinion to just negative thoughts about him or her, whatever the case may be.

"Friends play a major role in my life. If I didn't have the friends that I have now, I don't know where I'd be," comments Procter. "I think it's good for my friends to agree with me, but I'm not greatly offended if they don't. Sometimes I think it helps me to broaden my point of view on certain topics."

This may be why Procter is so openminded. Sometimes it may seem as if she's shy , but that's only before she gets to know a person. It's just her style. "If I feel comfortable around someone, I'm more likely to become friends with them, than with someone I feel nervous around," she says.

Procter sees herself as an intelligent girl with many hopes and dreams. Some of those dreams would be to meet as many people as she can, graduate at the top of her class, and to get involved in many school activities.

"I'd like to make a positive difference in peoples lives. I would like to think that when a person remembers me, all that they be able to remember is good things that I have done," said Procter.

It's obvious to everyone that Carolina is in a league of her own. When it comes to sports she has been dedicated to them since she was young.

"When I was younger I used to love to just go outside and play basketball and baseball with the kids in my neighborhood," comments Procter.

All her efforts must have paid off because she is still involved in different sports at MHS today. Some of those are basketball, golf, and softball.

"One thing that I hope to get out of high school is a good idea on how people relate to each other. I believe it will come from experience, whether it is fights with friends or just learning from the mistakes that I've made," comments Procter.

She would really like to take sociology or psychology, if not both. She feels that her experiences in high school and possibly these courses will help her establish lasting relationships throughout her life.

Music is one example of Carolina's wide variety of tastes. From alternative to R & B, she likes it all. From Madonna to Spin Doctors to Tony Toni Tone, Procter has trouble picking her favorite.

"I guess you could call me a station hopper. But if I had to pick my absolute favorite it would have to be B96 at least for the pop, soul, and hip hop. And maybe the Bus (99.9 M) for alternative," Procter says.

She doesn't confine herself to just one station. Many times she has just turned to 104.3 FM for the oldies.

"Something about the style that they had back then, I just love it!" comments Procter.

Certain things can't be denied. Carolina Procter is definitely one of them. Her style is unique and all her own. There is no one like her.

• by Pat Farabaugh



chris stark

STUDIOUS SENIOR

Sweet, positive, weird, and hilarious- those are just a few words that describe Chris Stark, '94. To most people he seems quite the carefree guy, but what most people don't know is that he can be highly sensitive and intelligent.

Stark enjoys going to MHS and feels that there has been a great change in the atmosphere since he was a sophomore. "When I first came to MHS it was like walking in the middle of a construction site. It was always cold and you had to wear coats and jackets. Now that I am a senior, the school is a 100% better, but I still think they could have picked a better colors than peach and lavender."

Stark doesn't play any type of school sport, but you will often find him taking advantage of the free weight room and Wellness Center by pumping iron regularly. Stark has been working out since he was about 13 years old. "Working out is an intense activity. It relieves a lot of stress and allows you to relax and feel good about yourself." Just recently Stark has gotten involved in some body building, but doesn't see himself making a career of it. "Many of my friends work out with me, like Terry Narkum and Sean O'Hara and that makes working out more fun."

His other hobbies include hunting and tree climbing. Yes! Tree climbing. Stark's comments on his hobbies are that they are both very relaxing. "When you bag your first kill, or climb all the way to the top of a tree you feel this sense of a great accomplishment, and it makes you feel good about yourself."

Stark is very close to his two older brothers and his five nieces and eight nephews. He also enjoys hanging out with his friends. "I have a lot of friends who are just friends, then there are my two best friends, Terry and Sean, and then there is my girlfriend who means a lot to me, and she is really like my best friend."

"When I look for a girl, I don't usually go for the most gorgeous or beautiful girl in school, but I do like a nice body, not too fat or too skinny, and she has to have a good personality." To Stark, popularity means nothing as long as she is fun to be with and respects me as a person.

Stark plans on taking a little vacation with friends after he graduates. Also, in the near future, he wants to buy a motorcycle and cruise all summer long. "I want to travel the states ride the highways and not worry about a thing." His goals for the distant future range from graduating from college to marrying the girl he loves. "I hope that I get through all of life's hardships and not seeing anyone close to me suffer." But Stark's biggest goal is to just get through life.

Stark is definitely an unusual and interesting person and tends to draw attention to himself in many ways. "I think my personality sets me apart from other people. I try not to let my feelings show, and I keep my personal feelings to myself. Most people can't predict what I am thinking or going to do next." Stark's motto on life: "Do it while you can, You only live once."

•by Kimberly Anderson





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Rowe Photo

Whether you played or watched, our sports were like no other. Excellent athletes worked their best in sports ranging from gymnastics to football. Our athletes excelled for our enjoyment whenever they were challenged. We were proud of our athletes, even when they were beaten. They never quit, because we were behind them. When it came to our athletes' opponents, we told our stars to **LOOK 'EM IN THE EYE**, and never give up.

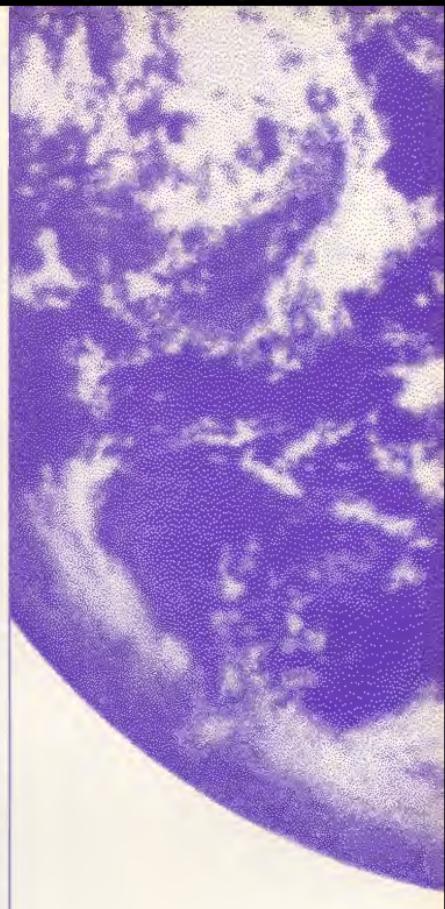
THE FOOTBALL
team races onto the field before they take on their opposition.

VARSITY GIRLS
basketball players struggle to get the rebound in a season that the girls kept exciting and action-packed.





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TRYING FOR AN ACE,
members of the boys
tennis team practice
prior to the Andrean
match.

TENNIS

NETTIN' UP VICTORIES

Tennis players excel in competition

Goals. The Merrillville boys tennis team definitely worked towards goals this season. They worked hard to reach, create, and achieve them. But not without disappointment, hard work, and one common thread: to succeed.

The season began with the usual sweaty and exhausting conditioning, which included two two hour sessions everyday, also involving Saturdays during the summer and two hours a day once school began. Challenge matches are what Head Coach Dave Zimmerman, along with Asst. Coach Larry Swanson, and Coach Ferrer Levinson used to make final cuts and the varsity line-up. After the cuts and line-ups were determined, the coaches were left with a team that entered the season strong and with a great desire to be the best. That proved to be a key asset in the success that the team had this year.

Experience was another advantage of the tennis team. With four returning letterman and many other returning players, the outlook of the season was high. The combination of experience and determination led the Pirates to win sectionals and place second in the Duneland Conference. They lost 1-4 against Portage during Regionals which put an abrupt end to an otherwise successful season. Portage proved to be a strong and tough opposition throughout the regular season and during Regional play.

Another key asset that the individual players, as well as the whole team, possessed was good mental attitudes. "We were an excellent team, commented Eric Culp, 95, but more than that we all got

along and that made the whole season fun." It is a known fact that if the attitudes and atmosphere of the team is good and positive, then overall the team will play better and be more successful.

A major highlight of the season was a match between Paul Puskar and an exchange student from Zimbabwe. He was ranked sixth in his country and was undefeated while attending Crown Point High School. "I felt that I was probably the only coach that had any faith that Paul could beat this guy, but Paul had more determination," said Zimmerman. Paul defeated his opponent 6-2. "That is one of the biggest accomplishments of my high school career, it will be hard to forget it," commented Puskar.

The determination, desire, and strength the team possessed led them to be a very strong team, along with the girls team. The girls team was ranked 14th in the state for much of the season. Leading the girls team were seniors Ann Gorman and Jenny Metros. The team was able to win first place at the Merrillville-Andrean Doubles Tournament and first place at the Griffith Invitational. With the captains' leadership they also placed second in the Duneland Conference and ended up with a 15-2 overall after their defeat in the second round of sectionals. One of the great strengths of the girls team was also the ability to get a long and the different range of talent. Both teams proved that not only do strengths lie in abilities, but also in each individuals attitudes within themselves and with each other. • by Kimberly Anderson



Team pictures on pages 215-216.



Rowe Photo



"My goal is to get to regionals or semi-state, but my hardest match is sectionals."

Ann Gorman, '94

Boys Tennis

MHS 4	MC Rogers 1
MHS 5	MC Elston 0
MHS 5	Valparaiso 0
MHS 4	Lowell 1
Portage 3	MHS 2
MHS 5	Chesterton 0
MHS 5	Griffith 0
MHS 5	Hobart 0
MHS 3	Crown Point 2
MHS 5	Andrean 2
MHS 6	MC Elston 1
MHS 3	LoPorte 2
MHS 5	Highland 0
MHS 5	Lake Central 0
Andrean 3	MHS 2
Munster 5	MHS 0
Sectionals:	
MHS 5	Andrean 0
MHS 5	Hobart 0
Regionals:	
Portage 4	MHS 1
Tournaments:	
2nd place Highland Doubles Tourney	
1st place Merrillville Invitational	
Sectionals Champion	
Varsity Record: 15-4	
Duneland Conference: 2nd place	

Girls Tennis

MHS 4	Griffith 1
MHS 5	Lake Central 0
MHS 5	Lowell 0
MHS 5	Hobart 0
MHS 3	Highland 2
MHS 4	Andrean 1
MHS 5	Crown Point 0
MHS 5	Honover Central 0
MHS 4	MC Elston 0
MHS 5	Wheeler 0
MHS 5	LoPorte 2
Valparaiso 4	MHS 1
MHS 4	Portage 1
MHS 5	Chesterton 0
MHS 5	East Chicago 0
Sectionals:	
MHS 5	Hobart 0
Valparaiso 3	MHS 2
Tournaments:	
1st place Merrillville-Andrean Doubles Tourney	
1st place Griffith Invitational	
Varsity Record: 15-2	
Duneland Conference: 2nd place	

LIZ SIMINIC, '95, VEN-tures through the woods during a cross country meet. The girls team had a new coach this year, JoAnn Crawford, a teacher at Lake Central High School.

ON HER WAY TO STATE competition Jessica Figueroa, '95, races to the finish line. Besides cross country, Figueroa also participated in track and stood on the prom court.



Elliott photo

TRYING TO EDGE OUT an Andean 59'er, Rich Stazinski, '95, struggles to take the lead. This year's boys cross country team was filled with an up-and-coming group of athletes.

EUGENE VIVO, '97, RUNS his heart out to the finish line. Vivo also resurfaced during the winter sport season as the costumed pirate at basketball games.



Evans photo



JESSICA FIGUEROA, '95

"I felt very excited about making it for cross country. It's really hard to make it because only the top ten individuals from semi-state make it. I was happy to accomplish my goal."

BOYS

Andrean 20	MHS 35	8 of 8 at Duneland Conference Meet
Portage 20	MHS 44	Placed 6 at sectionals
Griffith 44	MHS 64	R. Stazinski placed 8 at regional
Clark 34	MHS 32	R. Stazinski placed 72 at semi-state
Hobart 23	MHS 44	Girls scores unavailable
M.C. Rogers 15	MHS 35	
Laporte 21	MHS 43	
Valparaiso 16	MHS 45	
Chesterton 18	MHS 44	
Crown Point 19	MHS 44	
23 of 23 at New Prairie Invite		
15 of 21 at Highland Invite		
12 of 14 at Hobart Invite		
5 of 11 at Clark Invite		



CROSS COUNTRY

IN FOR THE LONG HAUL

Teams deal with youth; inexperience

When was the last time you ran seven miles in one day? Try running 3-8 miles every day at practice, and sometimes getting up for a long run before school three days out of the week. This may seem like a nightmare to most of us, but it is a reality to the MHS cross-country teams. However, practice obviously makes perfect. The girls team qualified for semi-state, and Rich Stazinski, '95, represented the boys' team in semi-state competition.

Here's how it works. The top 10 runners competing at sectionals advance to the next level of competition. Then, the top 10 after regionals go to semi-state, and so on until state. The entire team gets the opportunity to advance when they are in the top four of each level of competition.

After placing third at sectionals and regionals, the girls' cross-country team went to semi-state. The team was represented there by Erin Yeoman, '94; Jessica Figueroa, '95; Cheryl Gonzalez, '95; Nicole Hyatt, '95; Lisa Suminic, '95; and Julie Milak, '96; and Jill Harms, '96.

Although the boys did not get to semi-state as a team, Stazinski ran for MHS, and did quite well, despite not advancing to state.

The end of the year qualifications are not the only good news for these teams.

"We did very well at the invitational tournaments this year," stated Yeoman.

Very well, indeed. The Rensselaer Invitational had 20 other schools competing, and MHS placed fourth overall. The girls placed second at the Hammond Clark tournament, and second at the Lowell tournament.

The girls consider their overall team growth to have been successful this year.

"Our team is the first from Merrillville to make it to semi-state," stated Figueroa.

Yeoman also added, "We took a team that didn't even make it out of sectionals last year, to a team that did well at a semi-state level of competition."

The boys team also had their share of extra accomplishments. Coach Greg Pierson felt, "Our season was very successful, since most of our runners took two or more minutes off of their times."

Besides competing at semi-state, Stazinski also took 11th place at the New Prairie Invitational meet. "It showed I could compete with the best in the state, because 10 of the top 20 teams in the state competed."

Ted Phillips congratulated Coach Pierson, "He is a great coach and motivator. Not only has he helped us to succeed in cross-country, but he has helped us to get ready for other sports, as well."

Both the girls and boys teams have great expectations for next year. Pierson pointed out, "We have an excellent group of freshmen and sophomore runners, and a good group of eighth grade runners for next year."

Yeoman predicted, "Since our team has come so far, next year is going to be great." She also added, "We got little attention and little support from many people, maybe now we can show them that they should give this team the respect it deserves."

Stazinski had a solid prediction of his own, "Merrillville will have its first boys representative(s) at the state meet in 1994." • by Rachel Torres



ADORNED WITH THEIR trophies and medals, the girls cross country team celebrates a victory. The majority of the team is made of underclassmen who look forward to next season.



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FOOTBALL

NEVER GIVING UP

Struggling team makes final game

Many people involved with football at MHS went into this season hoping the team would repeat the excellent season they had in 1992. While the team was unable to duplicate the previous season, they put 100% into their season, making it to the sectional finals and finishing fifth in the Duneland Conference.

"If you look at the records on paper you'd think we had a dismal year, but that's not how it was at all. I think we were a very tight team that stuck it out through thick and thin," said Justin Ramage, '94.

The season started off well, with the team winning three of their first four games.

Mike Krutz, assistant coach, said, "The season was a roller coaster - up and down! (It) started with two wins, lost one, won one, lost four, won two, and finally lost in the sectional championship."

Even with a struggling season, the team was able to break a previous school record.

The team's victory against Chesterton on September 3 marked their 19th consecutive regular season win, breaking the record of 18 set by the team from 1963-1965. The team broke another record, too.

"Our team put MHS over the 300 win mark (this year). We contributed to the breaking of two records," said Greg Smith, '94.

After four straight losses things looked bleak for the team, but as Marino Stath, '96, said, "One of the great highlights of the season was after losing four straight games, we regrouped and beat Crown Point and Lew Wallace to make it to the sectional finals. That was a great accomplishment."

This year the team's motto was, "Tough times never last; tough people do." The football team proved the quote correct and kept their heads held up high in victories and defeats. • by Tom Gayda and Sara Nicholls

QUARTERBACK BRIAN HOGAN, '94, prepares to pass the ball during the homecoming game against Andrean. The Pirates lost 3-0.



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Evans photo

GOING DOWN! MATT Sieker, '96, brings down a Chesterton Trojan at home. The Pirates trounced the Trojans 28-0 in a Duneland conference contest.



Kern Photo

RUSHING ONTO THE Field, Terry Narkum, '94, prepares for battle against the Andrean 59ers. Narkum was a senior letterman on the team.

BEN PARRISH, '94, AND Jason Simpson, '96, shake hands after a successful play. Parrish played tight end, Simpson played quarterback.



Kern Photo

VARSITY

"We had a positive year considering that we had a less than perfect record. The high point was making it to the sectional finals."



KEVIN ERNY, '95

MHS 14
MHS 28
Portage 20
MHS 31
Valparaiso 31
Andrean 3
Hobart 34
LaPorte 24
SECTIONALS
MHS 19
MHS 39
Lake Central 56

Crown Point 3
Chesterton 0
MHS 10
M.C. Rogers 14
MHS 17
MHS 0
MHS 7
MHS 14
Crown Point 13
Lew Wallace 24
MHS 13

VARSITY RECORD: 5-6
DUNELAND CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-4
JV RECORD: 6-2
FRESHMEN RECORD: 5-3
PLAYERS:
Jason Galoozis
Terry Narkum
Ben Parrish
Greg Smith

ED GLICK WORKS WITH
the boys swim team as
they prepare for their
next meet. The team
practiced before and
after school to build up
the necessary stamina.

AARON MALERICH, '97,
takes a breath as he
prepares for his turn.
Events can be won or
lost on how quickly
and efficiently the
swimmer can turn.

KRISTEN LUCIA SWIMS
laps during an after
school practice in the
new lap pool. Both
pools were not com-
pleted until well into the
girls season.



Farabaugh Photo



"I felt that the work I did during the year would carry me to state. Then when I made it I was happy with what I did."

MIKE JONSON, '96



GIrlS
MHS 91
Laporte 111
MHS 108
Portage 133
MHS 99
MC Rogers 109
Chesterton 140
Valparaiso 143
Crown Point 125
Munster 113
Lake Central 143
Lowell Invite 1st place
Conference 7th place

Griffith 72
MHS 74
Hammond 78
MHS 50
Hobart 84
MHS 75
MHS 45
MHS 42
MHS 61
MHS 73
MHS 43
BOYS
Valparaiso 109
Portage 118

Rensselaer 113
MC Rogers 114
Lake Central 131
Laporte 115
Chesterton 125
Hobart 127
Munster 110
Highland 101
Crown Point 111
Conference 8th place
Sectionals 5th place
State 43rd place

MHS 72
MHS 72
MHS 47
MHS 70
MHS 39
MHS 56
MHS 67
MHS 72
MHS 70
ALL-CONFERENCE: Mike Jonson
STATE QUALIFIER: Mike Jonson



Farbaugh Photo

SWIMMING

NEW ADVENTURES

Young teams face tough challenges

The 1993-94 boy's swimming season was full of tribulation and triumphs. They finished six out of seven in the Duneland Conference and suffered a loss of ten seniors, their morale and their head coach. With a season record of 2-10, the Bucs looked forward to a new beginning.

The last three coaches have only stayed for two years in a row. Hopefully, the new coach, Ed Glick, will be with them for many years to come.

Ryan Brown, '96 explained, "In a sense, it will be a rebuilding year." Eric Randolph, '95, agreed. "Our season looks promising this year, Coach Glick is willing to help us if we try to work and we have talent hidden in the team."

Although they lost the senior spirit from last season, Mike Jonson, '96, said "We have a lot of up and coming talent, if everyone keeps practicing like they are, we'll do better than expected." "We have a more positive outlook than last year and are determined to do our best," stated Eric Randolph, '95.

"Chris Sikich looks to be one of the most promising freshman on the team," added Dave Greenberg, '95, but Jason Janiszewski said "our whole team looks promising."

The new coach has helped build confidence and determination for an outstanding season. "I believe our new coach (Glick) will lead us in the right direction," stated Brown. "Our major change toward the good is hiring Coach Glick," added Jonson, "He can motivate us to be the best we can be."

Key swimmers this year were Mike Jonson, John Sell, Eric Randolph and diver Jason Janiszewski.

Personal goals range from short term like Greenburg's goal of swimming a fifty-five second 100m freestyle and a sixty second butterfly, and Jason Jezuit's, '96, goal of surviving five A.M. practices to long term like Jonson's goal to make top eight at state. He then hopes to qualify for Junior Nationals at University of Michigan.

But the question still remains - what's going to make this season different? "The coach and his whole-hearted efforts to help individuals do their best will make all the difference," said Jezuit. "It's all up to the Seniors," added Janiszewski. "We'd like to close the gap on Lake Central, but, I believe that people are willing to swim every yard and dive every dive to make the difference between winning and losing."



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Team pictures on page 215.

VOLLEYBALL

SERVING UP SUCCESS

Team spikes their way to regionals

A once struggling squad exploded this year as the volleyball team went at their competition full force and won the sectional title.

"I thought we did very good this season. We improved greatly from last year," said DeDe Riddle, '96.

"Our season was great. Everyone was really confident about themselves and the other teammates. We worked together and that's what wins games," said Ronda Price, '96.

The team showed that all their hard work would pay off. The girls were determined to have a successful season and each time on the court they played with the desire to win. "A desire is something that cannot be taught. It's something you are born with. The desire to win, work hard and be the best," said Chrissy Pozgay, '94, the team's only senior. Through the summer each individual of the team worked hard to improve. They played great together, which helped them achieve their victories.

"The way we got along off the court contributed to the way we got along on the court", said Nan Malerich, '95. That helped them work together toward their victories.

This year the volleyball team's biggest

rivalry was Andrean, "because it was our first game and we wanted to beat them to start off our season right," said Megan Moloney, '95.

An important factor to this team is that they showed that they had outstanding potential "even though we only had one graduating starter, Pozgay, we will still have the same amount of potential here next year," added Erin Janovsky, '95.

The team ended the season successfully by becoming sectional champs.

"I'm really happy with us winning sectionals. That has been my goal ever since I was a freshman. I'm really glad I was able to win a sectional before I left," said Pozgay, '94.

"Sectional's is a great feeling. It's one of the best feelings you feel great like you're walking on air," said Price, '96. Winning sectionals was a goal the team was striving for from the beginning of their season.

"I feel we played well, we played up to our ability. It was one of our goals to win sectionals from the beginning of our season. It made it more realistic when we won because we had been thinking about it the whole season," said Rachel Price, '96. • by Michelle Borman

BEFORE GAME TIME THE volleyball team huddles to plan their game strategy. In a spectacular season the team advanced to regionals.

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Rowe photo



Rowe photo

WITH A LOOK OF
seriousness, the volleyball team watches the players on the court. The team went to new heights this year, making it to regionals.



Rowe photo



"This is the best year MHS has had in volleyball in eight years. We did it by winning sectionals."

DeDe Riddle, '96

VARSITY

MHS won	Andrean lost
MHS won	Whiting lost
MHS won	Lake Station lost
MHS won	Griffith lost
Lake Central won	MHS lost
MHS won	Hobart lost
MHS won	Boone Grove lost
MHS won	Lowell lost
MHS won	Calumet lost
MHS won	Portage lost
Bishop Noll won	MHS lost
MHS won	Chesterton lost
MHS won	Morton lost
MHS won	Crown Point lost
MHS Invite	Munster lost
MHS won	MHS lost
Mishawaka won	MHS lost
Penn won	Valparaiso lost
MHS won	Valparaiso lost
MHS won	MHS lost
M.C. Rogers won	M.C. Marquette lost
Highland Invite	Highland lost
MHS won	Hebron lost
MHS won	MHS lost
LaPorte won	Lake Station lost
Sectionals	Crown Point lost
MHS won	Hobart lost
MHS won	MHS lost
MHS won	Regions lost
Lake Central won	MHS lost

JV Record: 2-19
 Freshmen Record: 19-6
 Duneland Conference Record: 5-2
 All-Duneland Conference: Chrissy Pozgay

CROWD PLEASERS

Cheerleaders entertain rowdy fans

Go, Pirates, GO!!! The MHS cheerleaders are known to fill the stands with cheers of support for our Pirates. However, what is not as well-known are the things they do around game time. The cheerleaders decorate the lockers and locker rooms of the male athletes before important games. They also bake for the guys, as Angela Kilgore, '95 explained, "to show our appreciation, and to let them know we are behind them all the way!"

When they are given permission, the cheerleaders like to have pep rallies. Alyssa Wright, '96 calls them, "great spirit boosters."

During the summer, the cheerleaders went to a cheerleading camp at St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. "We were one of the best squads there, and we placed high in almost every single competition category," says Kim Anderson, '95.

Kilgore adds, "though at times it was stressful, we came back with some trophies, ribbons, and spirit sticks." What are spirit sticks you might ask?

Anderson explains, "After each day of camp, the schools with the most spirit got one. MHS got one every day." Mandy Ojelnik, '95, states proudly, "It showed that MHS was one of the most spirited groups there." Wright adds, "We also participated in the Fourth of July Parade, which is always fun."

The cheerleaders also raise money for their squads during the year. Wright comments, "the patron ads for the football program are always a big fundraiser, and the proceeds are split between us and the athletic department." The proceeds that the squads kept went to purchase new uniforms and some sweatshirts.

Last year, the varsity cheerleading squad also had guys to help. This year, however, no guys wanted to cheer, and the girls had adjust. Kilgore feels, "the squads won't get as much attention as we did last year. Last year we were like a college squad, and the only school in the area with an actual guy squad."

Ojelnik states, "It would have given us better opportunity to have different stunts, but we adjusted and added different moves into our routines."

* by Rachel Torres



CHEERLEADERS EVERYWHERE! Members of the varsity and JV cheerleading squads do their fight song routine prior to game time.

JV CHEERLEADER
Megan Wojciechowski,
'96, leads the cheers at
a JV basketball game.

Cheerleaders are
required to perform at
football and basketball
games.



Team
pictures on
page 211.





Rowe photo

SMILING FOR THE
crowd, Angela Mish,
'94, shakes her poms to
get the crowd rowdy at
a basketball game.
Cheerleaders went
without male counter-
parts this year.



BUMPIN' AND GRINDIN',
Mandy Olejnik, '95, and
Wendy Adams, '94,
take mid-court at a
performance. Olejnik
and Adams have both
cheered for multiple
years.

KRISTIN LUCIA, '95,
dances to "Shake the
Room," a popular song
from D.J. Jazzy Jeff and
the Fresh Prince.
Cheerleaders per-
formed up to six or
seven routines a game.



Rowe photo

BOYS
BASKETBALL

RISING TO THE TOP

Hoopers handle game pressures

With few returning starters and only one returning letterman, this year's basketball team had a lot of work cut out for them. Hopes for a winning season depended on the progress of the new varsity members and some reliable freshmen. Although the team had a slow start, they "began jelling around Holiday Tournament time", said head coach Jim East.

Dante Price, '97, was a nice surprise for the Pirates. Hard work earned him a spot as point guard. Jamaal Davis, '97, stepped in for the Pirates in January, seeing a good deal of playing time. Brett Fedak and TJ Lux, both '95, contributed to the team with their motivation and returning skills. Mike Guernsey and Kevin Erny, both '95, and Tori Hughes, '94, also helped to motivate the team. Ryan Shelton, '94, added height and dependable back up to this year's Pirate team.

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WITH SECTIONAL
trophy in hand, members of the basketball team celebrate their victory over River Forest and a second straight sectional title. At regionals the Pirates lost to Andrean in overtime in the opening round.

THE CROWD ANXIOUSLY
watches Jamaal Davis, '94, as he moves through a sea of Lowell Red Devils on his way to two points. Davis was one of three freshmen on the varsity squad. The other freshmen were Dante Price and Jovan Blacknell.



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Rowe Photo



"The season went extremely well with only one returning letterman. It was a great year, and it shows because we won the holiday tournament and sectionals."

GEOFF GRONOWSKI, '94





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TORI HUGHES, '94, powers the ball up for two points during sectionals. En route to the sectional title the Pirates downed Hanover Central, Hobart, and River Forest. Many fans expected a Merrillville-Crown Point rematch at sectionals, but Hobart bumped off CP in the opening round.



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FOLLOWING THROUGH on the shot Brett Fedak, '95, contributes to the team's victory over Lowell. The game against the Lowell Red Devils was scheduled for February 25, but was moved to the following day because of hazardous weather Friday.

JUNIOR VARSITY PLAYER Eric Culp, '95, tries to stop his opponent from passing the ball. Culp, along with Jovan Blacknell, '97, moved up from the JV to the varsity for play-offs.



Rowe Photo

VARSITY

MHS 68	Munster 49
S.B. Riley 70	MHS 50
Gary Wallace 73	MHS 69
MHS 53	Andrean 50
Valparaiso 65	MHS 55
Holiday Tournament	McCutcheon 60
MHS 69	Portage 46
MHS 56	
MHS 48	Hobart 26
Gary Roosevelt 59	MHS 49
MHS 74	Chesterton 43
MHS 68	Lake Central 42
Crown Point 55	MHS 51
MHS 83	Gavit 53

MHS 66	Laporte 52
MHS 73	North Judson 68
MHS 64	M.C. Rogers 42
MHS 52	Portage 42
E.C. Central 59	MHS 52
MHS 65	Highland 49
MHS 49	Lowell 39
Sectionals	
MHS 58	Hanover Central 29
MHS 49	Hobart 43
MHS 70	River Forest 32
Regionals	
Andrean 57	MHS 54 (OT)

VARSITY RECORD: 17-7
DUNELAND CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-2
JV RECORD: 11-9
FRESHMEN RECORD: 15-6
ALL-DUNELAND CONFERENCE TEAM:
Brett Fedak



DURING AN INTENSE practice, varsity wrestlers sharpen the basics of the sport. MHS remained a dominant force in local and state wrestling this year.



CHRIS ZERVOS, '97, pulls his rival towards the mat during a JV match. The JV, coached by Chris Rasbach and Charles Smith, is the starting ground for many of the varsity wrestlers.



PROVING NOT ALL wrestlers are mean grumps, Dave Vode, '94, also served as senior class president. Vode wrestled in the program for four years.



TIM LAVERY, '94

"We had a very successful regular season. We surprised a lot of teams by tying for the conference championship.

VARSITY

Portage 31	MHS 26
MHS 36	Crown Point 16
MHS 33	Chesterton 19
MHS 48	Valparaiso 9
MHS 54	North Newton 15
MHS 33	Penn 26
MHS 42	Plymouth 16
MHS 66	MC Rogers 6
MHS 48	Hobart 16
MHS 51	LaPorte 13
Merrillville Invite:	1st Place
Twin Lakes Invite:	2nd Place

Greenwood Invite: 2nd Place
Duneland Conference Tournament:
1st Place
Sectionals: 1st Place
Regionals: 3rd Place
Semi-state: 8th Place
ALL-DUNELAND CONFERENCE TEAM:
Ted Phillips, Mike Mikesell, Tim Lavery
STATE QUALIFIERS: Jeremy Schwandt,
Mike Mikesell, Tim Lavery
IHSAA ACADEMIC/ATHLETIC AWARDS: Tim Lavery, Ted Phillips



WRESTLING

MAT STARS MAKE STATE

Three wrestlers travel to Indianapolis



Power. Strength. Endurance. Sweat. The wrestlers at MHS definitely possess these key assets, and many more. Just ask Ted Phillips, Dave Vode, Tim Lavery, all '94, and loads of others who sweat and beat themselves against walls and each other everyday, and that's just in the first twenty minutes of practice. The rest of their four day week practices consist of conditioning, stretching, running, and mastering old and new moves.

"Mastering our moves is the best part of practice, because you get to master your old ones and learn new moves," says Vode.

Wednesday and Saturday, the days of the meets, all the hard work pays off.

The wrestlers began their season strong and ended it even stronger. They took second at the Twin Lakes Invitational, second at the Greenwood Invitational, and first at their own Merrillville Invite. Every second place finish was within five points from first.

A major goal of the team's season was

taking the Crown Point sectional, which the team successfully accomplished. State qualifying hopefuls included Phillips, Lavery, Mike Mikesell, '95, and Jeremy Schwandt, '96. All but Phillips was able to reach state competition. It was a very emotional and trying time for Phillips and his teammates when he was injured during practice, which put him out of the end of the season.

"One of the major strengths of the whole team this year was good, healthy attitudes," says head coach Chris Joll, "we also have two great assistant coaches- Chris Rassbach and Charlie Smith."

The combination of support, strength, and optimism definitely helped the team reach all their goals. They were one of the toughest teams and highest-ranking in state.

"I guess all the beating against the wall was worth it," said Lavery.

• by Kimberly Anderson



WITH HIS MATCH BEHIND him, Bob Burkus, '97, gets advice on how to improve upon his mistakes. Burkus was one of several freshmen to compete.

Team picture on page 217.

Tondra photo

GYMNASICS

SHAKING UP STATE

Girls are among several local teams to dominate gymnastics

Sticks and stones won't break their bones, but who said anything about the uneven bars? The injuries that befall the gymnastics team seemed to send out the message that the MHS team was doomed. However, despite all the injuries that the team suffered, they have done well and risen above the obstacles. The gymnastics team won their own invitational they hosted early in the season and repeat success in several other meets.

Becky Schreiber, '94, was one of the girls that was on the injured list. With knee surgery putting her out of commission, she had no chance of competing during her senior year.

"It was very hard to sit and watch the team compete. If I had the chance to compete again, even just once, I would. I liked to watch, support, and help motivate them, but I would rather have competed

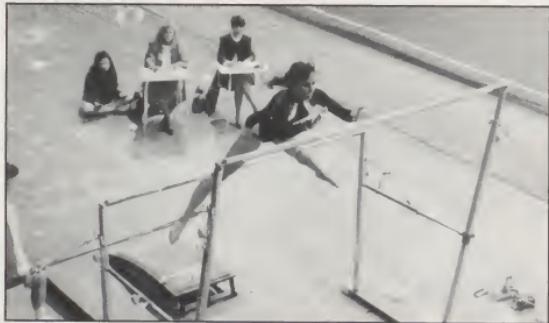
with them," said Schreiber.

According to Staci Skura, '94, the gymnastics team did their best. "We did what we could, and we are really happy because we made it to regionals. The sport of gymnastics is reaching a high point it has never seen, and we couldn't keep up with that as a team."

Because of the injuries and mental strength, a lot of people were down and they did not perform as well as they could. Jenny Bryan, '94, hurt her back, as did Lisa Zak, '95, and Amy Sopczak, '96. Despite the injuries though, the team was able to make it to regionals and did their best on the way there. No one said a team had to be perfect all the time, but the gymnastics team tried with their face against the wind. • by **Shannon Bondra and Tina Yurechko**

JENNY BRYAN, '94, tackles the uneven bars at competition. Throughout her gymnastics career, Bryan displayed excellent ability and leadership, making her one of the top gymnasts of Indiana.

Team picture on page 213.





PREPARING HER
troops for war, gymnastics head coach Diane Roberts raises the spirits of her girls. During their entire season the team remained ranked in state and continues to produce state level athletes.



Evans photos

CAREFULLY
concentrating, Lisa Zak, '95, puts her best effort into winning her event. Zak is one of nine underclassmen on the gymnastics team. Less than half the team will be lost to graduation.



"As a team we had an excellent season. The highlight was probably beating Chesterton at the sectional meet to advance to regionals."

JENNY BRYAN, '94

MHS 104.65	MC Rogers 74.10
MHS 106.90	Lowell 99.30
MHS 107.90	Hobart 101.90
MHS 106.10	LaPorte 89.40
Portage 110.50	MHS 101.95
Chesterton 107.90	MHS 107.80
Valparaiso 110.70	MHS 107.10
MHS 98.15	Crown Point 75.60
Duneland Conference Meet: 4th Place (106.05)	
Sectionals: 3rd Place (106.60)	
Regionals: 3rd Place (104.55)	
MHS Pirate Pride Invitational: 1st Place (107.80)	
Fort Wayne Concordia Invitational: 3rd Place (102.00)	
Lafayette Jeff Invitational: 2nd Place (100.90)	

TEAM TWO RECORD: 6-2
ALL-DUNELAND CONFERENCE:
Jenny Bryan, Amy Sopczak
IHSAA MENTAL ATTITUDE AWARD WINNER: Jenny Bryan



MICHELLE BORMAN, '94, and Chrissy Pozgay, '94, get set to go for the rebound as they wait to see if the shot will drop in a game against MC Rogers.

HOURS OF PRACTICE
after school are required to hone the necessary skills. Many of the girls also spent their summer vacation attending summer recreation in order to improve.

CHRISSEY POZGAY, '94;
Michelle Borman, '94;
Steph Vaise, '97; Lori
Modgilin, '95; Cheryl
Santos, '94; and Carrie
Zapinski, '94, take a
breather as they watch
the action in the MC
Rogers game from the
bench.



Elliott Photo



Evans Photo



"The biggest disappointment of my season was when Coach Dust lost the Kiss the Pig Contest."

CHRISSEY POZGAY, '94



VARSITY

MHS 44	Munster 33	Hobart 43
MHS 81	Hammond Gavit 15	Valparaiso 62
MHS 81	Gary Roosevelt 27	West Side 56
MHS 36	EC Central 72	Calumet 31
MHS 60	Pioneer 61	M.C. Rogers 31
MHS 46	North White 39	
MHS 48	LaPorte 41	
MHS 48	Chesterton 44	
MHS 50	Andrean 30	
MHS 49	Portage 46	
MHS 40	Highland 24	
MHS 51	Crown Point 45	
MHS 36	Lew Wallace 71	
MHS 45		

VARSITY RECORD: 11-9

DUNELAND CONFERENCE RECORD: 3-4

JV RECORD: 10-8

FRESHMEN RECORD: 7-7



GIRLS
BASKETBALL

FULL OF SURPRISES

Girls stun fans with impressive record

Girls basketball proved to be strong this year, with the team improving their record from last year and enjoying a tremendous season.

The coaching staff showed support and encouragement towards each player making the season more enjoyable.

"I am extremely pleased with this season's results. The girls put forth a great effort and a lot of hard work. We improved our record to 11-9 which is a lot more enjoyable than the four wins of last year. By the end of the season our sophomores blended in well with the upperclassmen. That's a bigger task than one would think, but the kids responded well and did the best they could. I hate to see this senior class go since they are the first freshmen I had; I sure will miss them. The juniors, sophomores, and the freshmen, however, will bring a spark to the Lady Pirate program that will prove to be very successful!" commented head coach Lori Dust.

The Lady Pirates proved that they had the dedication and desire to become a tough team.

"I'm pleased with the way the season went. How can I not be happy with the team's improvement?" said Chrissy Pozgay, '94.

The girls put a lot of commitment into the sport by working hard not just

during the season, but also by going to summer recreation to improve their skills.

"I feel summer recreation was important because it helped me improve my weak skills," said Carrie Zapinski, '94.

When the team went out on the floor they went out to play as a unit, focused on nothing but the game. By watching their performance on the court, it is easy to see that they are a group that gets along as a closeknit friendship.

"The majority of the team got along really well. My teammates became like my best friends because I spent a lot of time with them out of school. I'm gonna miss all the underclassmen because we really had a great time together," commented Pozgay.

The program improved a great deal. Compared to past years, one could see how much of an improvement the girls have made.

"I think that all the work that went into the girls program has finally paid off. As a senior, I've experienced many losses and wins over the season. To win is the greatest feeling, and for once this year I felt as though we were winners. I think that there is a bright future ahead for Coach Dust and the Lady Pirates," said Zapinski.

• by Tina Yurechko



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HEAD TRAINER SHERM
Izsak works on the ankle
of Mike Mikesell, '95.

Many players must
have their ankles or
wrists taped before
practice, as well as
before every game.

RUNNING RELAYS, THE
girls tennis team works
on conditioning in the
fieldhouse. Athletes
who are in good
condition lessen their
chances of being
injured as they partici-
pate in their sport.



Faraough Photo
STAYING IN SHAPE
keeps athletes from
running out of gas when
they need energy.



TAPING INJURIES

Student trainers assist athletes

Throughout the years Merrillville has experienced defeat, victory, and yes, also ankle taping.

The fine art of ankle taping can only be mastered by those who volunteer to put up with the athletes and those who have plenty of time to spare on their hands. Unfortunately, many of the athletes do not appreciate the hard work and dedication that the student trainers put forth.

Becky Stinnett, '94, said, "I feel we are somewhat taken for granted. The athletes do not realize we are working for free."

Most student trainers will fork out over 12 hours a week assisting the injured athletes. Taping ankles and wrists, wrapping knees and elbows, and even preparing for athletic events is what keeps the six student trainers constantly on the go.

Kim Simpson, '94, said, "For a football game we always have to be there about three hours before. During this time we never stop. The guys (athletes) are at the door waiting to be taped while we are in the middle of carrying out other jobs given to us by Sherm."

In order to be a trainer a student must show an interest in athletic training, learn the many ways of taping, and running the athletic equipment. Most of the concepts are taught by Sherm Izsak, head sports trainer or by attending summer camp.

"We learned many different ways of taping, what to do in emergencies, and we learned about the anatomy and how certain injuries can be rehabilitated," commented Simpson on her camp experience at Indiana University.

Although many trainers seem to be too busy to have any fun, they some how have accumulated many memories.

Katie Forman, '95, said, "My favorite thing is when it is really cold outside and steam comes out the (football) helmet holes and when the players take their helmets off their whole head steams. Student trainers have learned to appreciate the hard work of Izsak.

• by Cathy Navarro

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BASEBALL

RIGHT AT HOME

Team adjusts to new field

It was a season of ups and downs, balls and strikes, wins and losses. In spite of it all, the team managed a respectable 19-11 record.

Catcher Ben Parrish, '94, was the team's captain. He said he tried to lead by example which he thought went naturally with his role as catcher. "As a catcher I have to take control of the defense and keep everybody talking and into the game."

Nevertheless, an early season injury to pitcher Brett Fedak, '95, seemed to spell disaster for the team. Although the team had early losses to Andrean, Crown Point, and

LaPorte, they got on track and finished second in the Duneland Conference with a 9-5 record for conference play.

The return of Fedak saw them looking at sectionals with a positive attitude. Drawing the bye gave the team hope of avenging their early exit from the tournament last year and a good shot at advancing to the East Chicago Regional.

However, the team rolled over River Forest 15-1 in their first sectional game only to fall to Crown Point 7-1.

• by Justin Ramage

ROUNDING THIRD, TIM

Lavery, '94, heads home. Lavery shows his hustle as he goes in for the score in a game against conference rival LaPorte.

GOING THROUGH HIS
wind-up, pitcher Mike Clark, '95, prepares to release the ball. Clark and the other starting pitchers were forced to pick up some of the slack when Brett Fedak, '95 was injured.



Team pictures on
page 208.



Evans Photo

STANDING IN, BRETT
Fedak, '95, watches as
the pitch leaves the
pitcher's hand. Fedak,
a starting pitcher,
missed part of the
season because of an
injury.

WATCHING HIS TEAM AT
bat, catcher Ben
Parrish, '94, thinks
ahead to the opposing
batters coming up next
inning. As the catcher,
he runs the team much
like a quarterback.



"Being the captain of the team, I feel as though I have to lead by example and that puts a lot of pressure on yourself."

BEN PARRISH, '94

VARSITY

MHS 4	Boone Grove 2
MHS 16	Hammond High 3
MHS 12	EC Central 4
MHS 3	Morton 6
MHS 3	Hobart 1
MHS 7	Portage 6
MHS 2	Andrean 12
MHS 5	Crown Point 6
MHS 5	Laporte 6
MHS 10	MC Rogers 1
MHS 11	Valparaiso 3
MHS 11	Chesterton 1
MHS 3	Portage 2
MHS 0	Hobart 2
MHS 6	Crown Point 0
MHS 8	Rensselaer 4
MHS 3	Laporte 7
MHS 8	MC Rogers 3
MHS 1	Evanston 0
MHS 3	Evanston 4
MHS 6	Highland 6
MHS 2	Valparaiso 1
MHS 4	Lake Station 2
MHS 5	Chesterton 16
MHS 6	Lake Central 9
MHS 5	Portage 4
MHS 2	Munster 0
MHS 4	Munster 7

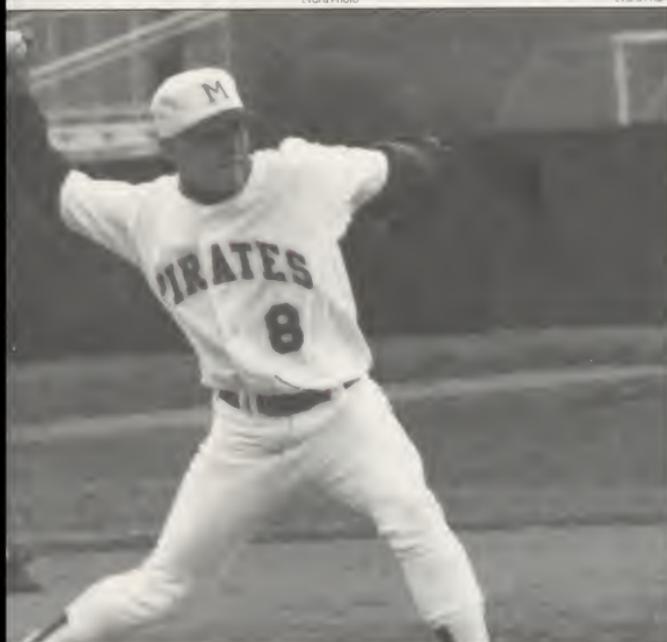
Sectionals:

MHS 15	River Forest 0
MHS 1	Crown Point 7

VARSITY RECORD: 19-11

DUNELAND CONFERENCE RECORD: 9-5

ALL-DUNELAND CONFERENCE TEAM:
Brett Fedak, Eddie Sobb



PICKING UP SPEED,
Eugene Vivo, '97,
completes a hand-off
from Paul Harris, '94,
and takes off on his leg
of the relay.



Merrillville Herald Photo

TORI HUGHES, '94,
strides to the finish line.
Hughes was able to
leave his closest
competitor several
strides behind.

THE GIRLS RELAY TEAM
of Jessica Figueroa, Liz
Simunic, Angee Elliott,
and Amy Geruska, all
'95, relax for a few
minutes as they await
their event.



AMY GERUSKA, '95, FIES
over the hurdles. A
disappointed Geruska
missed qualifying for the
state meet in the hurdles
by a mere .01 of a
second.



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have allowed us to
become stronger
and therefore have
better endurance
and speed."



KELLEE DERICO, '95



GIVING IT THEIR ALL

Athletes excel in conference

TRACK

With the loss of certain seniors, one could be lead to believe that this year's track and field team wouldn't be as successful as those in the past. But, contrary to popular belief, the Pirates finally overthrew one of their toughest opponents. "This is the first time in at least ten years that we have defeated Chesterton," commented Rich Stazinski, '95.

This wasn't the only major accomplishment either. The four man relay team consisting of Tori Hughes, '94; Tyson Owen, '95; Ryan Parlock, '95; and Tony Bartolomeo, '94, took tenth in the state in the 4 X 100 relay race. And that's not even mentioning Stazinski's sixth place finish in the 3200 meter in regional competition, or Jason Miller's second place finish in the high jump for both sectionals and conference.

Stazinski, along with many other team members, have contributed time and energy every day after school during the season and even sacrificed their own personal time for the good of the team. Even on the choir's trip to Florida, Stazinski and Andy Belush, '96, jogged on a daily basis.

"I feel that all of our practice and dedication to the sport will surely pay off in the long run," commented Belush. And it did. Every member of the team contributed in some way. "This year's team maybe didn't have the same caliber as the teams in the past, but there wasn't a member who didn't give 110%," finished Stazinski.

Girls' track, on the other hand, was overabundant when it came to talent. The team started off strong and stayed strong until the very last meet. Those who stood above the rest this year were Amy Geruska, '95, Jessica Figueroa, '95, and Jennifer Herbert, '94. Each of the girls showed an extreme dedication to both the team and sport. Geruska in the 100 and 300 hurdles. Figueroa in 800, the mile, and mile relay. And finally, Herbert in both the shot put and disk. But all the credit can't be given to the girls on the team alone. The coaches played a major role in their success. "I appreciate the coaches support in both the meets and the practices, it definitely shows all of us how dedicated they are," commented Geruska.

• by Patrick Farabaugh

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TYSON OWEN, '95, finds his stride. He was a member of the 4 x 100 relay team which placed 10th in the state.

Team pictures on page 216.

SOCER

GOAL ORIENTATED

Fresh faces revitalize team

This was the year for the tradition to begin. The team's goal was to bring back the Northern Cup which had been lost the past two years to Andrean and Portage. Portage and Munster were big rivals because of the large soccer population in these regions.

The team's co-captains Chris Wilkerson, '94, and Lupce Kajmaksi, '94, said that Coach Tim Thompson's winning attitude and experience were greatly to their advantage.

As the season began Thompson commented, "We should do a lot better than last season's 3-6-1 record. We've got a tall, strong, and fast team that has been practicing since the third week in January when we began

conditioning. With the talent we have, I believe we should finish above .500."

As the season wore on, Thompson's predictions became reality. The team went 5-1 in the conference, sharing the conference title with Crown Point and Portage who also had 5-1 records in conference play.

Four players were selected by the coaches to the All-Duneland team. They were Chris Dimitroff, '97; Lupce Kajmakeski, '94; Trajce Niceski, '94; and Ryan Shelton, '94.

The Northern Cup state high school soccer tournament started off with a match between rivals Merrillville and Munster.

• by Erika Yambrisak

Team pictures on page 214.



"It was a year of firsts for us. I think we'll do good in the Northern Cup this year."



CHRIS WILKERSON, '94



MEMBERS OF THE
soccer team practice,
oblivious to the traffic
observing their progress
as it passes by on I-65.
The young team
started their season
with conditioning in
January and moved
outside as the weather
warmed up.

SAVING THE POINT, A JV
goalie practices on a
cool spring day. This
was the second year
that girls were allowed
to participate in soccer.



PATTI CRAIG, '94;
Chrissy Pozgay, '94;
and Leah Frink, '95,
confer at homeplate.
An occasional confer-
ence helps keep the
momentum going.



ASSISTANT COACH
Pat Mulloy give Nan
Malerich, '95, some
tips on her base
running as she stands
on the bag.

PLOTTING STRATEGY,
the team huddles
around to listen as
Coach Bob Bergeson
explains to game plan.

Kirk John Mitchell Photo



Kirk John Mitchell Photo



"We lost a lot of play-
ers last year, but
we're responding to
the challenge this
year and we're doing
great."

ERIN JANOVSKY, '95

MHS 16 Hanover Central 1
MHS 4 Andrean 0
MHS 4 Portage 3
MHS 10 Hobart 4
MHS 1 Bishop Noll 0
MHS 4 Crown Point 3
MHS 8 LaPorte 1
MHS 10 MC Rogers 0
MHS 5 Valparaiso 0
MHS 8 Highland 0
MHS 9 Chesterton 1
MHS 2 Portage 3
MHS 0 Lake Central 10
MHS 8 Hobart 0

MHS 6 Crown Point 1
MHS 2 LaPorte 0
MHS 6 MC Rogers 0
MHS 9 Valparaiso 1
MHS 5 Chesterton 1
MHS 4 S.B. LaSalle 3
MHS 2 Penn 0
MHS 1 Lowell 6
Sectionals:
MHS 1 Andrean 0
MHS 2 Highland 1
Regionals:
MHS 2 Griffith 0
MHS 1 Bishop Noll 4

VARSITY RECORD: 22-4
JV RECORD: 10-3
ALL-DUNELAND TEAM:
Leah Frink (MVP), Erin
Janovsky, Patti Craig,
Amy Sopczak, and
Jaime Santeramo.





SOFTBALL

TEAM TO BEAT

Girls remain powerhouse of state

Softball is a sport which requires a great deal of desire and dedication. While many students were relaxing in the sun on their Spring Break, the softball team began practicing twice a day beginning at 8 a.m. However, this had it's positive side also.

"Spring Break gave our team a chance to gel together, and form friendships both on and off the field," commented Kelly Webster, '96.

The team's motto was "respond to the challenge." Many girls had to step up and respond to fill the open positions from last year's seniors and Chrissy Pozgay's early season injury.

Coming off a state championship year in 1993, and the loss of five starting seniors, the Lady Pirates' early success might have seemed surprising to some.

According to Amy Sopczak, '96, "It was surprising at first, but definitely exciting." The Pirates were unde-

feated through their first 11 games.

"With only three seniors on the team, everyone needed to be a leader," said Nan Malerich, '95.

Most players agreed Leah Frink, '95, was very spirited and was able to pass her motivation on to the rest of the team. Frink thought last year's team support helped her improve tremendously. "I learned what kind of attitude it takes, and the true definition of a team player. Coach Bergeson's confidence in me is a key motivator for my performances on the field."

The majority of the girls felt a repeat was in their future if they worked really hard, but the Bishop Noll team had other ideas defeating the Lady Pirates in the final game of regionals.

Nevertheless, assistant coach Pat Mulloy commented, "I was extremely proud of the progress this team made."

• by Laura Maness

Kirk John Mitchell Photo



Kirk John Mitchell Photo

LEAH FRINK, '95, LETS A pitch fly. A star pitcher for the team on last year's state championship team, Frink proved to be a big motivator for the team.

Team picture on page 214.

GOLF

FORE THE FUN OF IT

Golfers go for par

Imagine a sport in which mental concentration plays a bigger part than physical ability. No, not chess, golf.

The girls golf team is proud of the numerous accomplishments they made this year. For starters, they improved 17 strokes for nine holes as a team. They averaged 220, and Amy Sopczak, '96, had a season low of 45.

One thing the girls and boys teams had in common was that most of the golfers were young. The girls team had only one senior, Cheryl Santos.

Coach Mike Hackett explained, "We're definitely better than last year. I'm real pleased with the girls' improvement as a team and individually. We're hoping to finish third in the conference as opposed to last year's fourth place."

Hackett said he tried to stay positive with the girls. He wanted them to concentrate on improving. He continued, "I

give each girl individual goals that they try to meet." Since he will only be losing one senior he looks forward to a strong team next year.

The boys started the season with all new varsity players. The entire varsity had graduated the year before. Some might think this made the team's outlook grim; however, the players looked forward to the challenge.

"A lot of people think of golf as a stupid sport where you just knock a little white ball around but it isn't. It is a very challenging sport where concentration is the most valued aspect," said Brett Parkis, '96.

He added that of all the sports he's played golf is the hardest to master. Dave Walla, '95, agreed with Parkis explaining, "Golf is really more difficult than it looks." • by **Patrick Farabaugh and Staci Skura**

PRACTICE MAKES
perfect. Amy Sopczak,
'96, works on her swing.
She shot the team low
of 45 at one meet this
season.



A GOLFER
concentrates at a daily
practice session at
Broadmoor, the team's
home course.

Team pictures on page 213.



"I think our team will be good next year. Almost all of our varsity players are returning."

MISSY DOBIS, '95

GIRLS

MHS 216	Kankakee Valley 202
MHS 215	Munster 182
MHS 219	Bishop Noll 249
MHS 226	Valparaiso 200
MHS win by forfeit Hobart	
MHS 217	Portage 199
MHS 229	Andrean 198
MHS 222	LaPorte 228
MHS 213	MC Marquette 207
MHS 211	MC Rogers 278
MHS 212	Chesterton 290
MHS 239	Lowell 248
MHS 199	Crown Point 231
MHS 226	Lake Central 202
Marquette Invitational 11th place/16	
Pat Ford Invitational 14th place/20	
Sectionals 7th place/13	

RECORD: 7-7

DUNELAND CONFERENCE RECORD: 5-2
ALL-DUNELAND CONFERENCE: Amy Sopczak and Missy Dobis.

BOYS

Sectionals 4th place/11



Bondra Photo

SOCIAL
studies
teacher Pat
Mulroy uses his
phone to
check on the
messages left
on his voice
mail.

GWENDOLYN
Perkins, '95,
cleans up her
kitchen area
after she
finishes
cooking.
Students learn
to clean up
quickly since
they have only
a short time
after their
cooking is
done.

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9. Other food is better.
8. Reaches.
6. Somebody has to eat what Somalians won't.
5. Those sugar craving social studies teachers.
4. School food can't make you vomit.
3. If you're going to bring food, bring enough for the whole school.
2. Snapple promotes good health.
1. We can't have food outside the cafeteria?



!! Because teachers
will get jealous. Teach-
ers think we are getting
too much freedom. !!

Ryan Derico, '97



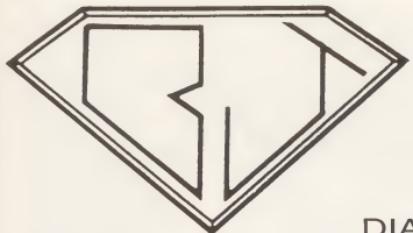
!! Because they just
redid the school and it
looks nice. !!

Kelly Koughlin, '95



!! Students are not
to have food outside
the cafeteria in order to
keep the school clean. !!

Kristen Corsaro, faculty



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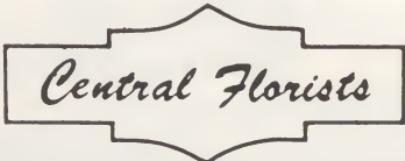
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!! I was in line before everybody. !!

Roger Fleming, '96



!! I wasn't in line in the first place; I was just talking to my friend.

Jennifer Ramos, '97



!! They were saving me a spot in line. !!

Kellye Stephens, '97



TOP TEN

Things to say when you're caught cutting in line.

10. I have to take my medication.
9. Is that a new rag you're using?
8. They were saving my spot.
7. I can't wait to see the cool colors in the meat.
6. Act deaf.
5. I'm bigger than you.
4. But they're having jello cubes.
3. LOOK! JULIA CHILD!
2. I left my crutches at the table.
1. I was in this spot yesterday.

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Ways to get out of a date.

10. Break your leg.
9. Contract an infectious disease.
8. You're moving much too slow for me.
7. My grandparents are playing Scrabble, want to go?
6. The Clintons are on C-SPAN, I can't.
5. Oh no! We're the same sex!
4. When in doubt quote the Brady's, "Something suddenly came up!"
3. Kill them.
2. My grandma is in the hospital.
1. My fish died, and I'm in mourning.



!! I have to babysit or do something for my mom. !!
Doreen Bank, '94

!! I've been grounded. !!
Keith Albee, '97

!! I had to attend my grandmother's funeral. !!
Chad Tarry, '95

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Jason Swigon, '94



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Curtis Minchuk, '95



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Joe Loehmer, '95



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Scariest cafeteria foods.

10. That funky green jello.
9. What's a poorboy?
8. Taco salad.
7. Anything with "casserole" in it's name.
6. Reuben who?
5. Jello and cake in one?
4. Those pudding cakes.
3. The Elmer's pasty cheese sauce.
2. The salad dressing with 3 inches of oil on it.
1. Anything ending in "-ito."



!! It's gotta be the
poorboys. !!

Bobby Burkus, '97



!! That fluorescent
yellow chicken casse-
role. !!

Jamie Lash, '95



!! I don't know, prob-
ably the soybean
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!! Walk out to the parking lot and just drive away. !!

Jeremy Miller, '94



!! Say you have to talk to your guidance counselor. !!

Karin Smith, '97



Ways to Get Out of Class

10. Tell the teacher your contacts are bothering you.
9. Fake a loud, hacking cough.
8. Speak in foreign tongues.
7. Fall asleep and snore really loud.
6. Call the teacher an obscenity and giggle a lot.
5. Act like Beavis and Butt-head.
4. Make a pass at the teacher.
3. Wet your pants and say "I told you so."
2. Wet your pants and say "Oops!"
1. Tell the teacher you like their dress pant/ sneaker combination.

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TOP TEN

Things the faculty does on weekends.

10. Bowl.
9. Gripe.
8. Forget to grade papers.
7. Crossword puzzles.
6. Make a list of clever (lame) cut-downs..
5. Watch CNN.
4. Play poker.
3. Conga.
2. Participate in the local mud wrestling league.
1. Figure out where the IA hallways are located.



Brad Bernard, '95



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" Late to class day.

Krystal Renahan, '96



" Bungee jumping
Day.

Missy Stelter, '95



" Swimsuit Day.

Rich Stazinski, '95



TOP TEN

Spirit point events that will never happen.

10. Donut day.
9. No homework week.
8. Free tardies day.
7. All day lunch hour.
6. MTV on the Dynacom system.
5. A week of half days.
4. Pep rally.
3. Trading places with Dr. Rapacz day.
2. Three day weekends.
1. Non-attendance day.

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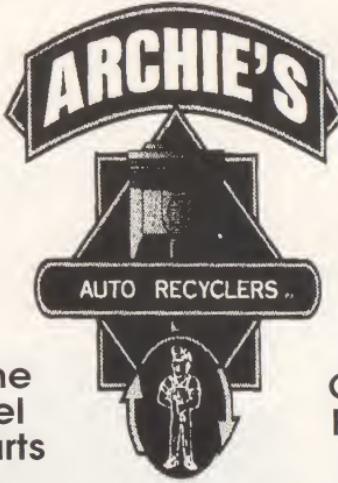


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TOP TEN

- Reasons students aren't allowed in Teacher's Aide.
10. They talk about students.
 9. Pizza party every Friday!
 8. They tell dirty jokes.
 7. Teens don't like Tupperware parties.
 6. They don't want us to know there is really nothing in there we can't see.
 5. Mailboxes are a portal to another dimension.
 4. Line dancing lessons in passing period.
 3. Wasn't she on America's Most Wanted?
 2. Oh my gosh - is that Miss Colson?
 1. Gambling is illegal for minors.



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Amanda Richardson, '96



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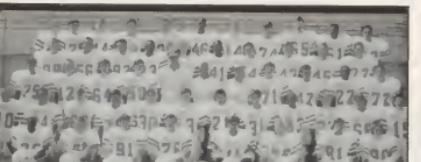
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Senior Breakfast
held in the
school cafeteria.



WRESTLING: Row 1 - Matmaid Jamie McMenney, Ken Swan, Jared Tabor, Mike Villanueva, Sid Rivera, David Vode, Matmaid Jennifer Gabriel. Row 2 - Ted Phillips, Tim Lawry, Ray Lucento, Dan Harvey. Row 3 - Matmaid Staci Ahrens, Coach Chris Joll, Ed Brant, Ryan Valentine, Jeremy Schwandt, Tyson Owen, Mike Mikesell, Assistant coach Chris Rassbach, Assistant coach Charles Smith, Matmaid April Pratscher.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL: Row 1 - Coach Colleen Collins, Valerie Boromisa, Stephanie Valse, Jenny Vukin, Kris Burke, Sam Dimoff, Jenny Johnson, Coach Lorri Covaci. Row 2 - Sharon Segvich, Mandy Sopko, Melba Montgomery, Natalie Nimon, Sarah Frink, Rebekah Jusko.



JV VOLLEYBALL: Row 1 - Coach Colleen Collins, Cynthia Garcia, Claudia Neri, Linda Myslwiec, Wava Riddle, Ann DeNardo. Row 2 - Kelly Webster, Toula Vasilopoulos, Kari Forster, Kristen Marler, Theresa Sievers.



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Row 1 - Angie Harris, Beth Zak, Megan Moloney, Chrissie Fuzzay. Row 2 - Ronda Price, DeDe Riddle, Rachel Price, Nan Malerich, Coach Amy Beckham. Row 3 - Assistant coach Colleen Collins, Assistant coach Lorri Covaci.

CHOIR DIREC-
tor Roger Emig
blazes away
with his Super
Soaker at his
Concert Choir
on the last
day of school.



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Times change as do people. New memories are born during events that provide entertainment. In order to best appreciate these happenings a new look must be given to each of them -

A DIFFERENT LOOK.

STUDENTS TAKE
a few minutes
out of their
busy day to
check out the
latest Prom
fashions in a
magazine.
Students spent
hours trying to
make every-
thing perfect
for the big
night.

GETTING IT
right. Athletes
practiced for
hours to be
able to
improve their
skills.



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1994
MERRILLVUE
staff takes a
break from a
hectic dead-
line schedule
to pose for
their staff
picture.

JENNIE WOOD,
'95, tries to
open her
locker after
school hours.
Students must
have a pass to
do this simple
task after 3:15
p.m.



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